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## Solar Photo Rate Coefficients

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## ABSTRACT

Photo rate coefficients based on wavelength-dependent solar photon flux at 1 AU heliocentric distance have been determined for atomic hydrogen, carbon, nitrogen, and oxygen, and for some molecules formed from these elements. Branching ratios are considered for the various modes of decay of these molecules. Rates for some metastable states have been estimated.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Photo rate coefficients for atomic and molecular species found or suspected in the atmospheres of planets, satellites (moons) and comets are needed in analysis and modeling. Lifetimes for possible mother molecules of observed radicals in comets were determined by Potter and del Duca<sup>1</sup> and more recently by Jackson.<sup>2,3</sup> Some rate coefficients for several atomic and simple molecular constituents of lunar and planetary atmospheres have been calculated by Siscoe and Mukherjee,<sup>4</sup> McElroy and Hunten,<sup>5</sup> McElroy and McConnell,<sup>6</sup> and McElroy et al.,<sup>7</sup> and for solar wind physics by Axford.<sup>8</sup> In addition, lifetimes (reciprocals of rate coefficients) for some isolated species or rate coefficients in very limited wavelength bands -- e.g., the solar hydrogen Lyman alpha line -- have been obtained by various investigators for special situations and applications.

If the chief concern is the prediction of potential mother molecules of observed radicals, then only the main decay branch needs to be considered.<sup>1</sup> For

molecules the main branch is almost always a dissociation, very seldom ionization, and never photodissociative ionization. This is immediately apparent from the magnitude of the threshold values for these processes (see Table I) -- although a small photodissociation and a large ionization cross section near the respective thresholds can invalidate such an oversimplified analysis. Predissociation and autoionization significantly increase rate coefficients (decrease lifetimes) and, if known, are included in the evaluations presented here.

The dissociation rate coefficients presented in Refs. 1-3 are based on averages over bandwidths of 100 Å or more, at wavelengths down to that of the hydrogen Lyman alpha line (1215.7 Å). No details about branching ratios are given in Refs. 1-4 and 7. For terrestrial atmospheric constituents, cross sections and rate constants have been compiled by Huffman<sup>9</sup> and by Baurer and Bortner,<sup>10</sup> respectively. They also list many references.

In this report photo rate coefficients are plotted for small wavelength bands and the summed values are listed for atomic hydrogen, carbon, nitrogen and oxygen and for simple molecules formed from these elements. Most of the known branching ratios are taken into account, but where necessary, some have been estimated. In addition rate coefficients are estimated for a few metastable states. In Sec. II the solar spectrum is presented. Section III presents the computed rate coefficients for each photoprocess and plots of the rates in each solar flux bin together with the sources for the cross sections, the thresholds, and the branching ratios. For easy reference the rate coefficients for each process and summed for all processes operating on a mother species are presented in Table I. The last column in this table gives the mean excess energy of the solar photolysis products. Species without state designation always refer to the ground state. Since cross sections are measured typically around 300 °K, rotationally excited levels in the ground state of molecules will effectively lower the photothreshold. The molecular rate coefficients presented here include this contribution caused by the shift to the effective threshold. Larger contributions from excited states occur at higher temperatures.

The rate constants scale approximately with the solar flux, i.e., with  $r_h^{-2}$ , where  $r_h$  is the heliocentric distance in AU. At small  $r_h$  the rate constants can increase more rapidly with increasing  $r_h^{-2}$  because of the contributions from thermally excited states.

TABLE I  
PHOTO RATE COEFFICIENTS

Mother Species	Decay Products	Threshold (Å)	Rate Coefficient ( $10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	Total Rate Coefficient ( $10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	Photolysis Products Excess Energy (eV)
H	$\text{H}^+ + \text{e}$	911.75	0.073	0.073	3.6
C( $^3\text{P}$ )	$\text{C}^+ + \text{e}$	1101.1	0.41	0.41	5.8
C( $^1\text{D}$ )	$\text{C}^+ + \text{e}$	1240.	3.6	3.6	1.0
C( $^1\text{S}$ )	$\text{C}^+ + \text{e}$	1446.	4.3	4.3	2.1
N	$\text{N}^+ + \text{e}$	853.06	0.19	0.19	14.8
O( $^3\text{P}$ )	$\text{O}^+ + \text{e}$	910.44	0.21	0.21	21.5
O( $^1\text{D}$ )	$\text{O}^+ + \text{e}$	827.9	0.18	0.18	21.5
O( $^1\text{S}$ )	$\text{O}^+ + \text{e}$	844.6	0.20	0.20	18.8
H <sub>2</sub>	H + H	970.0	0.044		2.2
	$\text{H}_2^+ + \text{e}$	803.67	0.054		6.6
	H + H <sup>+</sup> + e	685.8	0.0095		24.7
				0.11	

TABLE I (cont)

Mother Species	Decay Products	Threshold (Å)	Rate Coefficient ( $10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	Total Rate Coefficient ( $10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	Photolysis Products Excess Energy (eV)
CH	C + H	3589.9	12000.	12000.	0.5 <sup>-</sup>
	CH <sup>+</sup> + e	1170.	0.76		6.4
CO(X <sup>1</sup> Σ <sup>+</sup> )	C + O	1117.8	0.28	0.65	2.6
	C( <sup>1</sup> D) + O( <sup>1</sup> D)	863.4	0.041		5.9
	CO <sup>+</sup> + e	884.79	0.31		10.2
	O + C <sup>+</sup> + e	554.7	0.0080		28.1
	C + O <sup>+</sup> + e	501.8	0.0060		31.0
CO(a <sup>3</sup> Π)	C + O	2431.8	79.	88.	2.1
	CO <sup>+</sup> + e	1549.1	8.6		2.0
	O + C <sup>+</sup> + e	758.3	0.011		28.6
	C + O <sup>+</sup> + e	662.7	0.0084		32.6
N <sub>2</sub>	N + N	1021.4	0.66	1.0	1.0
	N <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> + e	796.	0.35		17.8
	N + N <sup>+</sup> + e	510.4	0.015		28.7
NO	N + O	1910.	2.1	3.5	1.8
	NO <sup>+</sup> + e	1340.	1.3		8.2
	N + O <sup>+</sup> + e	616.2	0.0018		18.5
	O + N <sup>+</sup> + e	589.3	0.032		25.0

TABLE I (cont)

Mother Species	Decay Products	Threshold (Å)	Rate Coefficient ( $10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	Total Rate Coefficient ( $10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	Photolysis Products Excess Energy (eV)
$\text{O}_2$	$\text{O}(^3\text{P}) + \text{O}(^3\text{P})$	2454.	0.060		8.3
	$\text{O}(^3\text{P}) + \text{O}(^1\text{D})$	1759.	4.2		1.3
	$\text{O}(^1\text{S}) + \text{O}(^1\text{S})$	923.	0.042		0.8
	$\text{O}_2^+ + \text{e}$	1027.8	0.51		17.2
	$\text{O} + \text{O}^+ + \text{e}$	585.	0.053		26.8
				4.9	
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{H} + \text{OH}$	1860.	10.		1.9
	$\text{H}_2 + \text{O}(^1\text{D})$	1450.	1.4		1.9
	$\text{H}_2\text{O}^+ + \text{e}$	984.	0.33		12.3
	$\text{H} + \text{OH}^+ + \text{e}$	684.4	0.055		18.5
	$\text{H}_2 + \text{O}^+ + \text{e}$	664.8	0.0058		36.3
	$\text{OH} + \text{H}^+ + \text{e}$	662.3	0.013		24.9
				12.	
$\text{HCN}$	$\text{H} + \text{CN}$	1950.	13.		4.3
				13.	
$\text{CO}_2$	$\text{CO}(\text{X}^1\Sigma^+) + \text{O}(^1\text{D})$	1990.	0.94		5.5
	$\text{CO}(\text{a}^3\Pi) + \text{O}$	1070.	0.28		1.9
	$\text{CO}_2^+ + \text{e}$	899.22	0.66		16.9
	$\text{O} + \text{CO}^+ + \text{e}$	636.93	0.050		26.9
	$\text{CO} + \text{O}^+ + \text{e}$	650.26	0.064		27.7
	$\text{O}_2 + \text{C}^+ + \text{e}$	546.55	0.029		30.0
				2.0	

TABLE I (cont)

Mother Species	Decay Products	Threshold (Å)	Rate Coefficient ( $10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	Total Rate Coefficient ( $10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	Photolysis Products Excess Energy (eV)
$\text{NH}_3$	$\text{NH} + \text{H}_2$	3170.	63.		2.3
	$\text{NH}_2^+ + \text{H}$	2798.	110.		2.0
	$\text{NH}_3^+ + \text{e}$	1220.	0.61		5.8
	$\text{H} + \text{NH}_2^+ + \text{e}$	786.2	0.18		11.2
	$\text{H}_2 + \text{NH}^+ + \text{e}$	~775.	0.0069		26.1
	$\text{H}_2 + \text{H} + \text{N}^+ + \text{e}$	~560.	0.0033		29.3
	$\text{NH}_2 + \text{H}^+ + \text{e}$	~387.	0.0034		19.8
				180.	
$\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$	$\text{H} + \text{C}_2\text{H}$	2306.	30.		3.5
	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_2^+ + \text{e}$	1086.	0.78		5.1
	$\text{H} + \text{C}_2\text{H}^+ + \text{e}$	697.	0.075		15.7
				31.	
$\text{H}_2\text{CO}$	$\text{H}_2 + \text{CO}$	3740.	160.		0.5
	$\text{H} + \text{HCO}$	3493.	85.		0.5
	$\text{H} + \text{H} + \text{CO}$	2750.	32.		3.0
	$\text{H}_2\text{CO}^+ + \text{e}$	1141.6	0.38		3.3
	$\text{H} + \text{HCO}^+ + \text{e}$	1043.	0.20		7.0
	$\text{H}_2 + \text{CO}^+ + \text{e}$	882.	0.12		28.4
				280.	

TABLE I (cont)

Mother Species	Decay Products	Threshold (Å)	Rate Coefficient ( $10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	Total Rate Coefficient ( $10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	Photolysis Products Excess Energy (eV)
$\text{CH}_4$	$\text{CH}_3 + \text{H}$	2800.	1.0		5.9
	$\text{CH}_2 + \text{H}_2$	1574.	5.6		2.5
	$\text{CH} + \text{H}_2 + \text{H}$	1360.	0.50		1.8
	$\text{CH}_4^+ + e$	945.	0.36		5.4
	$\text{H} + \text{CH}_3^+ + e$	866.	0.20		8.0
	$\text{H}_2 + \text{CH}_2^+ + e$	822.	0.021		19.5
	$\text{CH}_3 + \text{H}^+ + e$	686.	0.0091		26.9
	$\text{H}_2 + \text{H} + \text{CH}^+ + e$	545.	0.0042		24.9
				7.7	
$\text{HCOOH}$	$\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2$	2500.	270.		1.8
	$\text{HCO} + \text{OH}$	2500.	490.		1.8
	$\text{HCOOH}^+ + e$	1094.4	0.91		3.9
	$\text{OH} + \text{HCO}^+ + e$	902.	0.28		21.4
				760.	
$\text{HC}_3\text{N}$	$\text{HC}_2 + \text{CN}$	1632.	28.		2.1
				28.	
$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_2 + \text{H}_2$	1973.	41.		1.4
	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_2 + \text{H} + \text{H}$	1226.	5.2		0.4
	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4^+ + e$	1180.	0.58		7.3
	$\text{H}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2^+ + e$	945.	0.20		12.1
	$\text{H} + \text{C}_2\text{H}_3^+ + e$	898.	0.23		13.0
				48.	



TABLE I (cont)

Mother Species	Decay Products	Threshold (Å)	Rate Coefficient ( $10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	Total Rate Coefficient ( $10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	Photolysis Products Excess Energy (eV)
CH <sub>3</sub> OH	H <sub>2</sub> CO + H <sub>2</sub>	2053.	250.		2.2
	CH <sub>3</sub> + OH	2053.	13.		2.3
	CH <sub>3</sub> OH <sup>+</sup> + e	1143.	0.50		2.6
	H + CH <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> + e	1006.	0.12		3.5
	H <sub>2</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> CO <sup>+</sup> + e	976.	0.12		4.4
				270.	

## II. SOLAR FLUX

The solar flux for the quiet sun has been compiled from many publications. To provide better resolution, it was sometimes necessary to interpolate by prorating the unresolved portions of flux measured in large wavelength intervals to smaller bins and then add the measured flux from emission lines with wavelengths that fall into these bins. Up to  $\lambda = 10 \text{ \AA}$ , data from Swider<sup>11</sup> were used. In the interval  $10 \text{ \AA}$  to  $280 \text{ \AA}$  measured fluxes were taken from Hinteregger.<sup>12</sup> From  $270 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1163 \text{ \AA}$  the data from Hall and Hinteregger<sup>13</sup> were interpolated. In the range from  $1163 \text{ \AA}$  to  $7350 \text{ \AA}$  data from Ackerman<sup>14</sup> were used with a correction by Simon<sup>15</sup> in the interval  $1961 \text{ \AA}$  to  $2299 \text{ \AA}$ . Table II presents the details of the solar flux expressed as photons  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  in each wavelength bin. Figure 1 presents the same data but only up to  $3975 \text{ \AA}$ .

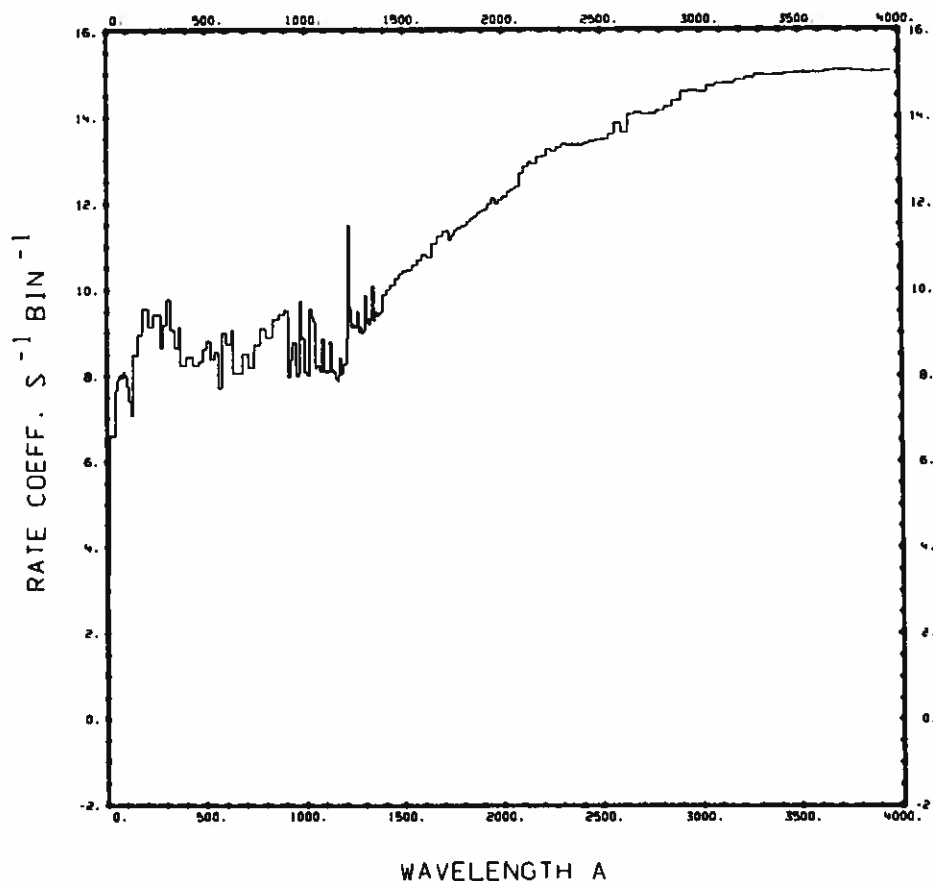


Fig. 1. Solar Flux.

TABLE II  
SOLAR PHOTON FLUX [PHOTONS  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ] IN EACH BIN  
BRACKETED BY WAVELENGTHS [ $\text{\AA}$ ]

WAVELENGTH	FLUX	WAVELENGTH	FLUX	WAVELENGTH	FLUX	WAVELENGTH	FLUX
0.00	1.00E-01	1057.00	1.70E+08	1852.00	4.95E+11	3975.00	1.54E+15
2.00	3.00E+01	1070.00	1.31E+08	1869.00	5.94E+11	4025.00	1.90E+15
4.00	2.50E+03	1080.00	7.21E+08	1887.00	6.59E+11	4075.00	1.99E+15
6.00	2.80E+04	1090.00	1.31E+08	1905.00	7.26E+11	4125.00	1.99E+15
8.00	1.80E+05	1100.00	1.31E+08	1923.00	9.85E+11	4175.00	2.02E+15
10.00	4.00E+06	1110.00	1.31E+08	1942.00	1.27E+12	4225.00	2.01E+15
40.00	4.70E+07	1120.00	6.21E+08	1961.00	1.01E+12	4275.00	1.94E+15
50.00	6.30E+07	1130.00	1.31E+08	1980.00	1.20E+12	4325.00	1.98E+15
60.00	1.05E+08	1140.00	1.31E+08	2000.00	1.44E+12	4375.00	2.25E+15
70.00	9.40E+07	1150.00	9.15E+07	2020.00	1.80E+12	4425.00	2.39E+15
80.00	1.20E+08	1157.00	7.84E+07	2041.00	2.08E+12	4475.00	2.48E+15
90.00	9.90E+07	1163.00	1.03E+08	2062.00	2.45E+12	4525.00	2.49E+15
100.00	5.60E+07	1170.00	2.66E+08	2083.00	3.09E+12	4575.00	2.48E+15
110.00	2.50E+07	1176.00	1.12E+08	2105.00	7.12E+12	4625.00	2.50E+15
120.00	1.20E+07	1183.00	1.24E+08	2128.00	9.23E+12	4675.00	2.55E+15
128.00	3.07E+08	1190.00	1.82E+08	2150.00	8.42E+12	4725.00	2.61E+15
153.00	9.00E+08	1198.00	1.90E+08	2174.00	1.20E+13	4775.00	2.59E+15
176.00	3.70E+09	1205.00	7.40E+08	2198.00	1.22E+13	4825.00	2.46E+15
205.00	1.40E+09	1212.00	3.02E+11	2222.00	1.77E+13	4875.00	2.44E+15
231.00	3.10E+09	1220.00	3.67E+09	2247.00	1.60E+13	4925.00	2.53E+15
270.00	4.50E+08	1227.00	1.36E+09	2273.00	1.96E+13	4975.00	2.48E+15
280.00	1.54E+09	1235.00	1.61E+09	2299.00	2.40E+13	5025.00	2.49E+15
300.00	5.84E+09	1242.00	1.32E+09	2326.00	2.25E+13	5075.00	2.50E+15
320.00	1.16E+09	1250.00	1.41E+09	2353.00	2.21E+13	5125.00	2.43E+15
340.00	4.50E+08	1258.00	3.11E+09	2381.00	2.32E+13	5175.00	2.43E+15
360.00	1.31E+09	1266.00	1.06E+09	2410.00	2.50E+13	5225.00	2.52E+15
370.00	1.77E+08	1274.00	1.37E+09	2439.00	2.73E+13	5275.00	2.58E+15
400.00	2.76E+08	1282.00	1.02E+09	2469.00	2.88E+13	5325.00	2.64E+15
430.00	1.77E+08	1290.00	1.14E+09	2500.00	3.02E+13	5375.00	2.67E+15
460.00	2.12E+08	1299.00	7.29E+09	2532.00	3.97E+13	5425.00	2.70E+15
480.00	4.32E+08	1307.00	2.20E+09	2564.00	7.13E+13	5475.00	2.68E+15
500.00	6.32E+08	1316.00	1.59E+09	2597.00	4.37E+13	5525.00	2.66E+15
520.00	2.42E+08	1324.00	2.21E+09	2632.00	1.12E+14	5575.00	2.66E+15
540.00	3.62E+08	1333.00	1.24E+10	2667.00	1.25E+14	5625.00	2.67E+15
560.00	5.17E+07	1342.00	1.99E+09	2703.00	1.16E+14	5675.00	2.67E+15
580.00	1.02E+09	1351.00	3.09E+09	2740.00	1.19E+14	5725.00	2.69E+15
600.00	5.52E+08	1360.00	2.57E+09	2778.00	1.38E+14	5775.00	2.71E+15
620.00	1.20E+09	1370.00	2.74E+09	2817.00	1.70E+14	5825.00	2.71E+15
630.00	1.15E+08	1379.00	3.10E+09	2857.00	2.46E+14	5875.00	2.71E+15
680.00	3.39E+08	1389.00	7.60E+09	2899.00	3.90E+14	5925.00	2.72E+15
710.00	1.59E+08	1408.00	1.01E+10	2941.00	3.99E+14	5975.00	2.72E+15
740.00	5.19E+08	1428.00	1.30E+10	2985.00	3.86E+14	6025.00	2.71E+15
770.00	1.28E+09	1449.00	1.82E+10	3030.00	5.08E+14	6075.00	2.70E+15
800.00	8.07E+08	1470.00	2.33E+10	3077.00	5.92E+14	6125.00	2.70E+15
830.00	2.05E+09	1492.00	2.66E+10	3125.00	6.05E+14	6175.00	2.70E+15
860.00	2.73E+09	1515.00	2.90E+10	3175.00	6.94E+14	6225.00	2.69E+15
890.00	3.34E+09	1538.00	3.60E+10	3225.00	8.12E+14	6275.00	2.68E+15
911.00	9.39E+07	1562.00	4.75E+10	3275.00	9.71E+14	6325.00	2.67E+15
920.00	2.34E+08	1587.00	6.40E+10	3325.00	8.97E+14	6375.00	2.66E+15
930.00	5.84E+08	1613.00	5.69E+10	3375.00	9.44E+14	6425.00	2.65E+15
940.00	5.94E+08	1639.00	1.19E+11	3425.00	1.01E+15	6475.00	3.05E+15
950.00	1.04E+08	1667.00	1.76E+11	3475.00	1.03E+15	6550.00	3.22E+15
960.00	1.04E+08	1695.00	2.32E+11	3525.00	1.03E+15	6650.00	3.18E+15
970.00	5.30E+09	1724.00	1.44E+11	3575.00	1.04E+15	6750.00	3.14E+15
980.00	7.56E+08	1739.00	1.83E+11	3625.00	1.18E+15	6850.00	3.09E+15
995.00	1.25E+08	1754.00	2.34E+11	3675.00	1.23E+15	6950.00	3.04E+15
1007.00	1.04E+08	1770.00	2.62E+11	3725.00	1.24E+15	7050.00	4.99E+15
1017.00	3.60E+09	1784.00	2.88E+11	3775.00	1.17E+15	7150.00	4.94E+15
1027.00	2.46E+09	1802.00	3.14E+11	3825.00	1.11E+15	7250.00	4.90E+15
1035.00	1.83E+09	1818.00	3.81E+11	3875.00	1.09E+15		
1045.00	1.57E+08	1835.00	4.43E+11	3925.00	1.19E+15		

### III. PHOTO RATE COEFFICIENTS

The rate coefficient for wavelength interval  $\Delta\lambda = \lambda_2 - \lambda_1$  is

$$k(\Delta\lambda) = \int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} \sigma(\lambda)\Phi(\lambda)d\lambda ,$$

where  $\sigma(\lambda)$  is a photo cross section and  $\Phi(\lambda)$  is the photon flux at wavelength  $\lambda$ . Since neither  $\sigma(\lambda)$  nor  $\Phi(\lambda)$  are known as a continuous function of  $\lambda$  the rate coefficients are approximated by

$$k(\Delta\lambda) = \bar{\sigma}(\Delta\lambda)\Phi(\Delta\lambda) ,$$

where  $\bar{\sigma}(\Delta\lambda)$  denotes the wavelength averaged photo cross section in a bin with width  $\Delta\lambda$  and  $\Phi(\Delta\lambda)$  is the photon flux in the same bin

$$\Phi(\Delta\lambda) = \int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} \Phi(\lambda)d\lambda .$$

In the following discussions the photon flux  $\Phi(\Delta\lambda)$  is the solar flux presented in Table II, except in the bin containing the threshold of a cross section where it is linearly prorated to the threshold wavelength.

The mean excess energy of solar photolysis products is

$$\bar{E} = \sum hc \left( \frac{2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} - \frac{1}{\lambda_{th}} \right) k(\Delta\lambda)/k ,$$

where the summation is over all wavelength bins,  $\lambda_{th}$  is the threshold wavelength, and the photo rate coefficient is

$$k = \sum k(\Delta\lambda) .$$

Results for  $k$  are summarized in Table I in column 4 and for  $\bar{E}$  in column 6.

## Atomic hydrogen, H

### Cross section:

In the long wavelength region the Stobbe<sup>16</sup> formula is used, in the short wavelength region the cross section is based on the Sauter<sup>17</sup> formula. The transition from one to the other is made similar to that suggested by Bethe and Salpeter.<sup>18</sup>

### Threshold:

$$\lambda = 911.75 \text{ \AA} \text{ from Moore.}^{19}$$

### Rate coefficient:

$H + \nu \rightarrow H^+ + e$ :  $7.31 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , compares favorably with  $7.1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$  obtained by Keller<sup>20</sup> and  $7.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$  obtained by Bertaux et al.<sup>21</sup> The values  $1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$  quoted by Axford<sup>8</sup> and  $4.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$  obtained by Siscoe and Mukherjee<sup>4</sup> are too high.

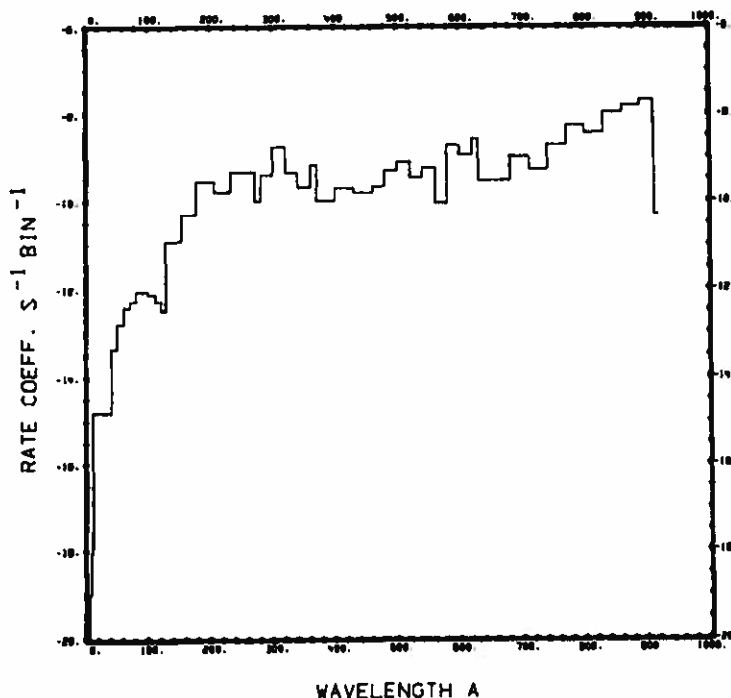


Fig. 2.  $H + \nu \rightarrow H^+ + e$ .

Atomic carbon, C(<sup>3</sup>P), C(<sup>1</sup>D), C(<sup>1</sup>S)

Cross sections:

From  $\lambda = 110 \text{ \AA}$  to threshold the cross sections are calculated from fits made by Henry.<sup>22</sup> At shorter wavelengths cross sections are based on fits made by Barfield et. al.<sup>23</sup>

Thresholds:

The threshold values are obtained from Moore<sup>19</sup>

$$C(^3P) : \lambda = 1101.1 \text{ \AA}$$

$$C(^1D) : \lambda = 1240 \text{ \AA}$$

$$C(^1S) : \lambda = 1446 \text{ \AA}$$

Rate coefficients:

$$C(^3P) + v \rightarrow C^+ + e : 4.10 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$C(^1D) + v \rightarrow C^+ + e : 3.58 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$C(^1S) + v \rightarrow C^+ + e : 4.34 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

The rate coefficient for the ground state quoted by Axford<sup>8</sup> ( $4.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is wrong. Note that the large rates for the metastable states are caused by the hydrogen Ly  $\alpha$  flux.

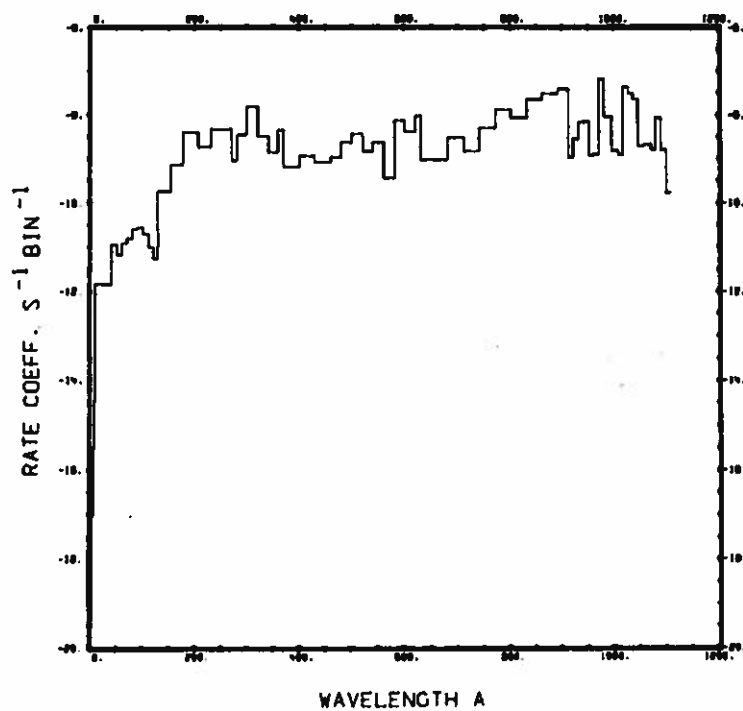


Fig. 3.  
 $C(3P) + \nu \rightarrow C^+ + e.$

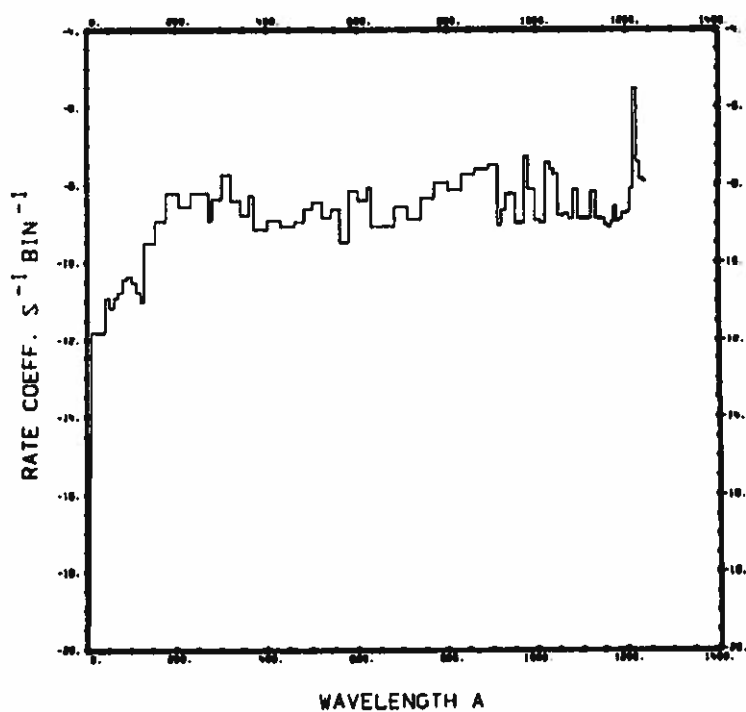


Fig. 4.  
 $C(1D) + \nu \rightarrow C^+ + e.$

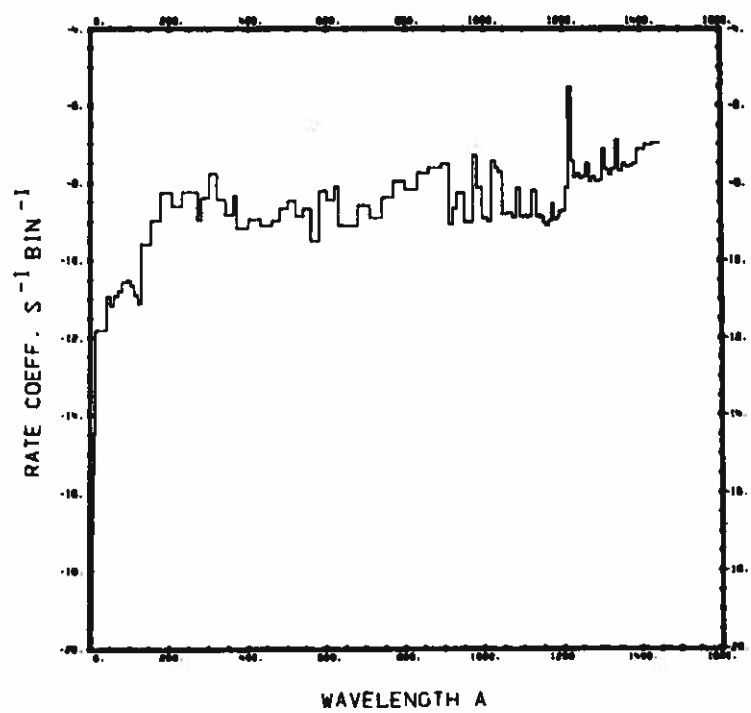


Fig. 5.  
 $C(1s) + \nu \rightarrow C^+ + e$ .



## Atomic nitrogen, N

### Cross section:

From  $\lambda = 110 \text{ \AA}$  to threshold the cross section is calculated from fits made by Henry.<sup>22</sup> At shorter wavelengths the cross section is based on fits made by Barfield et al.<sup>23</sup>

### Threshold:

$\lambda = 853.06 \text{ \AA}$  from Moore.<sup>19</sup>

### Rate coefficient:

$N + \nu \rightarrow N^+ + e$ :  $1.85 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . This is in good agreement with  $1.89 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$  obtained by Siscoe and Mukherjee<sup>4</sup> and  $1.7 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$  quoted by Axford.<sup>8</sup>

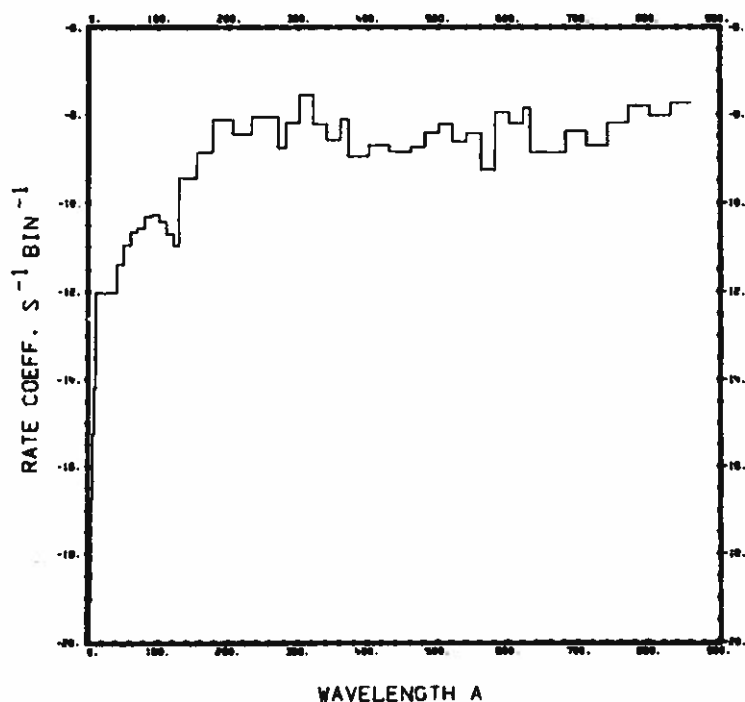


Fig. 6.  $N + \nu \rightarrow N^+ + e$ .

Atomic oxygen,  $O(^3P)$ ,  $O(^1D)$ ,  $O(^1S)$

Cross sections:

From  $\lambda = 600 \text{ \AA}$  to threshold the cross sections are calculated from fits made by Henry.<sup>22</sup> At shorter wavelengths cross sections are based on fits made by Barfield et al.<sup>23</sup>

Thresholds:

The threshold values are obtained from Moore<sup>19</sup> for

$$O(^3P) : \lambda = 910.44 \text{ \AA}$$

$$O(^1D) : \lambda = 827.9 \text{ \AA}$$

$$O(^1S) : \lambda = 844.6 \text{ \AA}$$

Rate coefficients:

$$O(^3P) + v \rightarrow O^+ + e : 2.12 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$O(^1D) + v \rightarrow O^+ + e : 1.82 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$O(^1S) + v \rightarrow O^+ + e : 1.96 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

The rates obtained by Siscoe and Mukherjee<sup>4</sup> ( $2.49 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and by Axford<sup>8</sup> ( $2.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) are 17% higher than our value for  $O(^3P)$ , the rate obtained by Baurer and Bortner<sup>10</sup> ( $2.83 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is 33% higher than ours, while the value computed by McElroy et al.<sup>7</sup> ( $6.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , when corrected to Earth orbit), is much too high. (The value they quote for Mars orbit is  $2.7 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ).

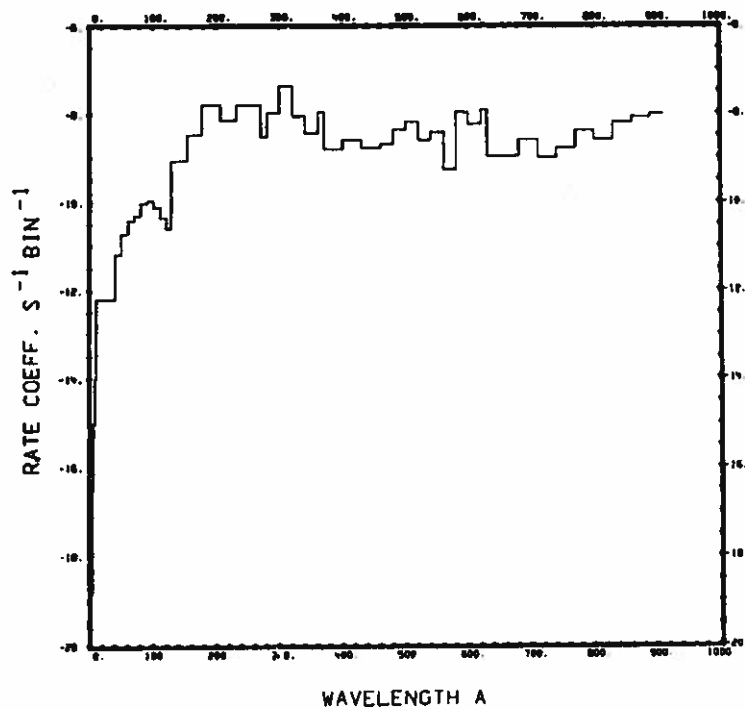


Fig. 7.  
 $O(^3P) + \nu \rightarrow O^+ + e.$

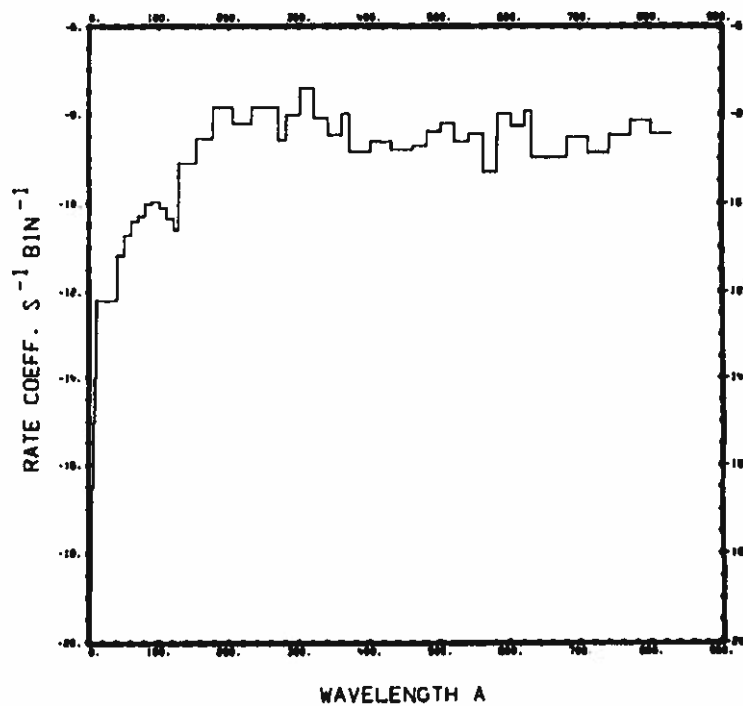


Fig. 8.  
 $O(^1D) + \nu \rightarrow O^+ + e.$

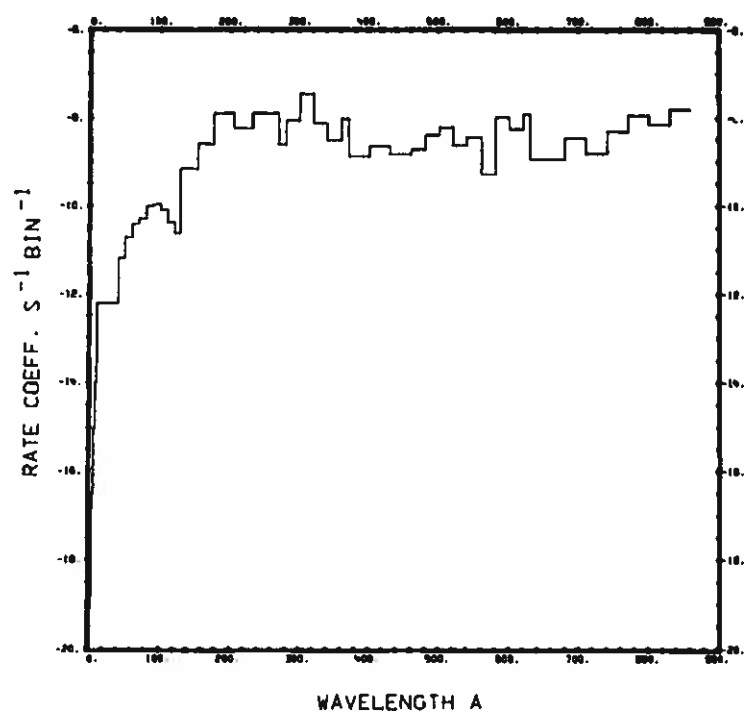


Fig. 9.  
 $O(^1S) + v \rightarrow O^+ + e$ .

## Molecular hydrogen, H<sub>2</sub>

### Cross section:

In the range from  $\lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$  to  $200 \text{ \AA}$  the molecular cross section is approximated by twice the cross section of atomic hydrogen. From  $\lambda = 209.3 \text{ \AA}$  to  $452.2 \text{ \AA}$  we used values measured by Samson and Cairns.<sup>24</sup> Between  $\lambda = 500 \text{ \AA}$  and  $970 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section was measured by Cook and Metzger.<sup>25</sup> A value at  $584 \text{ \AA}$  is taken from Brolley et al.<sup>26</sup>

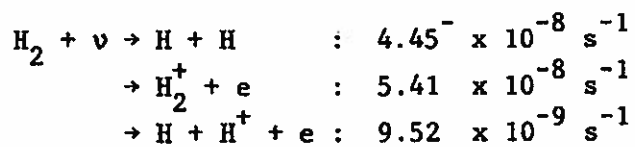
### Branching ratios:

The branching ratio for ionization and dissociation is determined from the data of Cook and Metzger,<sup>25</sup> for dissociative ionization it is taken from Browning and Fryar.<sup>27</sup>

### Thresholds:

For dissociation the  $v = 0, J = 0$  threshold was determined by Herzberg and Monfils<sup>28</sup> at  $\lambda = 844.79 \text{ \AA}$ . Rotational predissociation extends the threshold to longer wavelengths depending on the degree of thermal excitation. The ionization threshold was determined by Beutler and Jünger<sup>29</sup> for  $J = 0$  to  $J = 0$  at  $\lambda = 803.67 \text{ \AA}$ . The threshold for photodissociative ionization according to Browning and Fryar<sup>27</sup> is at  $\lambda = 685.8 \text{ \AA}$ .

### Rate coefficients:



Our combined rate for ionization and dissociative ionization  $6.36 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$  is smaller than the ionization rate of  $8.4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$  obtained by Siscoe and Mukherjee.<sup>4</sup>

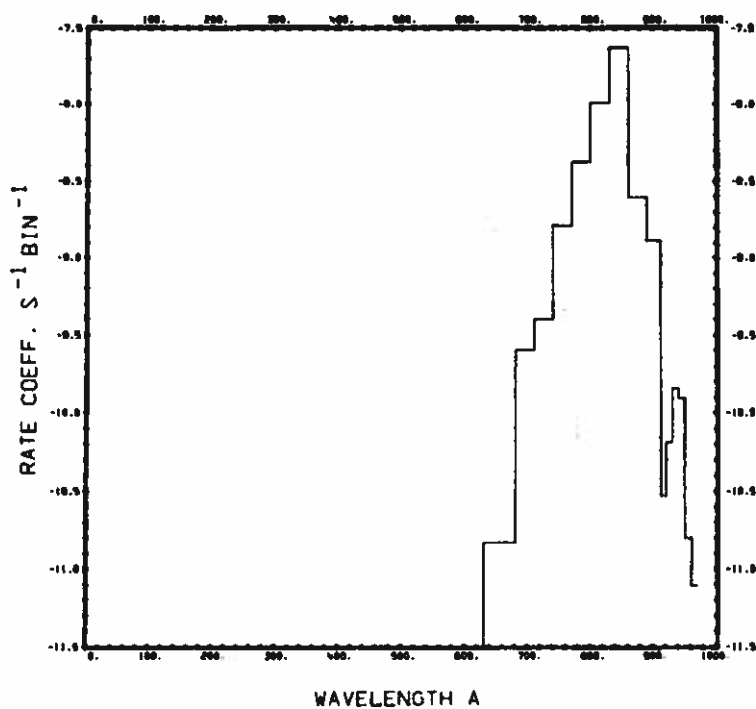


Fig. 10.  
 $\text{H}_2 + \nu \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{H}.$

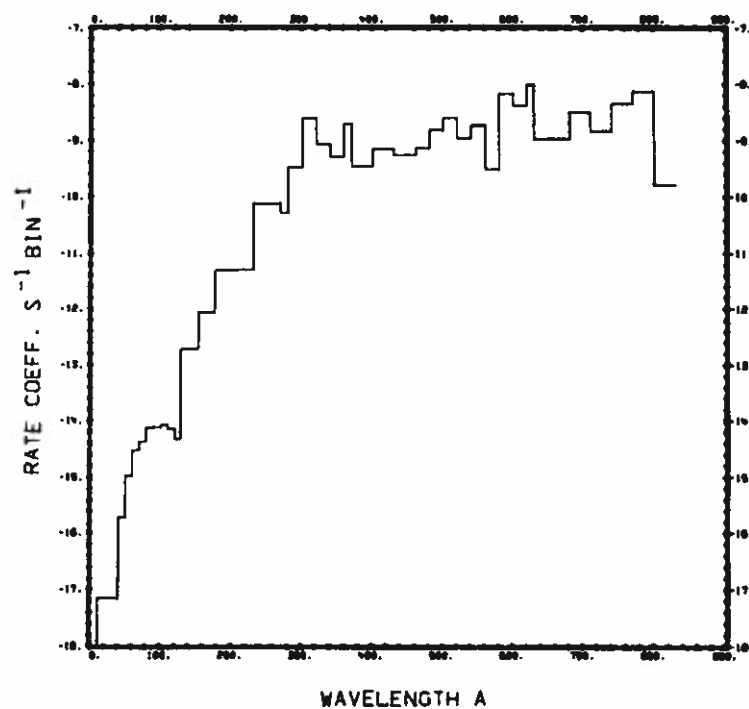


Fig. 11.  
 $\text{H}_2 + \nu \rightarrow \text{H}_2^+ + \text{e}.$

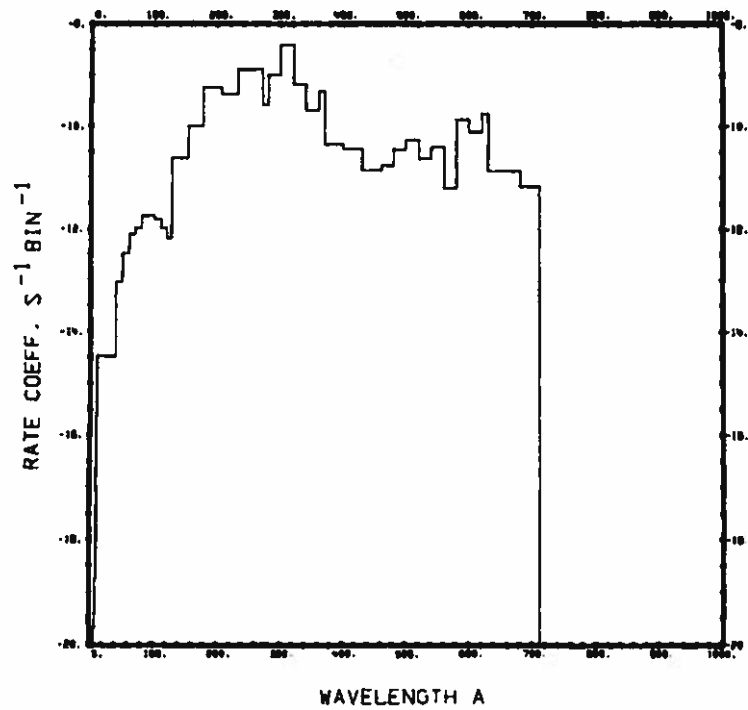


Fig. 12.  
 $\text{H}_2 + \nu \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{H}^+ + \text{e}.$

## Methylidene, CH

### Cross section:

Between  $\lambda = 12 \text{ \AA}$  and  $617 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section comes from calculations by Walker and Kelly,<sup>30</sup> and between  $\lambda = 827 \text{ \AA}$  and  $1170 \text{ \AA}$  it comes from calculations by Barsuhn and Nesbet.<sup>31</sup> In the region  $\lambda = 1170 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1240 \text{ \AA}$  a continuum cross section was assumed as suggested by Bates and Spitzer.<sup>32</sup> The cross section from  $1240 \text{ \AA}$  to  $3573 \text{ \AA}$  was obtained from the oscillator strength data of Linevsky<sup>33</sup> and Fink and Welge.<sup>34</sup>

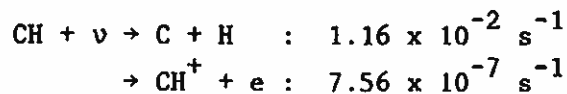
### Branching ratio:

The branching ratio for dissociation and ionization was obtained from the calculations of Barsuhn and Nesbet.<sup>31</sup>

### Thresholds:

The threshold for dissociation, based on the predissociation limit, is given by Herzberg and Johns<sup>35</sup> as  $\lambda = 3589.9 \text{ \AA}$ . One of the dissociation continua given by Bates and Spitzer<sup>32</sup> is at  $\lambda = 1240 \text{ \AA}$ . The ionization limit determined by Barsuhn and Nesbet<sup>31</sup> is at  $\lambda = 1170 \text{ \AA}$ .

### Rate coefficients:



The dissociation is dominated by predissociation around  $\lambda = 1343 \text{ \AA}$ . Our dissociation rate is almost twice that obtained by Wyckoff and Wehinger<sup>36</sup> ( $6.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ), while our ionization rate agrees well with their value of  $7.9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .



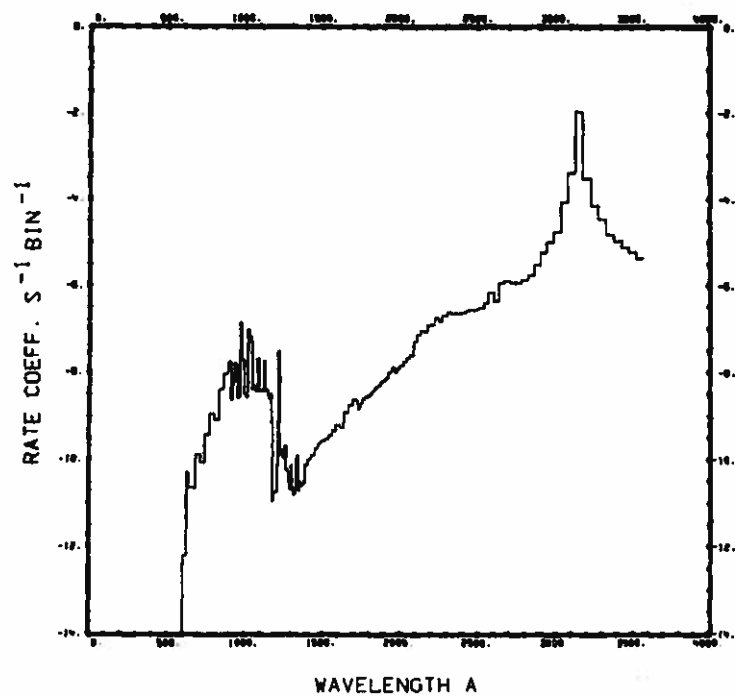


Fig. 13.  
 $\text{CH} + \nu \rightarrow \text{C} + \text{H}_\gamma$

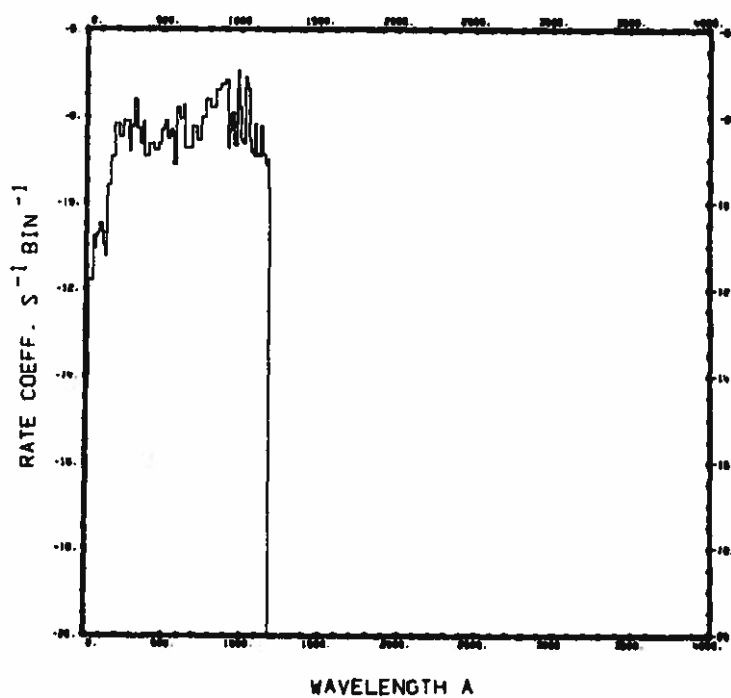


Fig. 14.  
 $\text{CH} + \nu \rightarrow \text{CH}^+ + e$

## Carbon monoxide, $\text{CO}(X^1\Sigma^+)$ , $\text{CO}(a^3\Pi)$

### Cross sections:

From  $\lambda = 2 \text{ \AA}$  to  $303.8 \text{ \AA}$  cross sections from many sources, averaged by Henry and McElroy,<sup>37</sup> were used. From  $\lambda = 303.8 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1037.6 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section was taken from Cairns and Samson,<sup>38</sup> and supplemented with values from Cook et al.<sup>39</sup> in the wavelength region  $600 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1002.5 \text{ \AA}$ . No dissociation or ionization cross sections for any of the three metastable triplet states  $a^3\Pi$ ,  $a'^3\Sigma^+$  and  $d^3\Delta_i$  are available. But since the potential curve for the lowest of these, the  $a^3\Pi$ , is very similar to that of the ground state  $X^1\Sigma^+$  (see Hall et al.<sup>40</sup>), Collins<sup>41</sup> suggested scaling the ground state cross sections with respect to  $1/\lambda$  such that the thresholds are shifted by  $6.00 \text{ eV}$  to longer wavelengths. The  $6.00 \text{ eV}$  shift corresponds to the energy difference between  $a^3\Pi$  and  $X^1\Sigma^+$  states.

### Branching ratios:

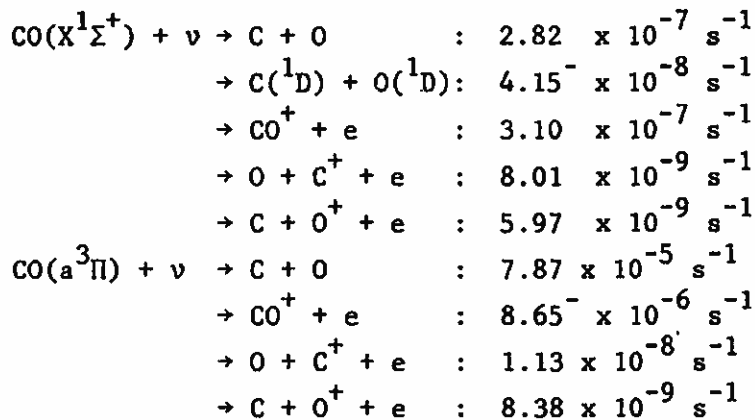
The branching ratio between dissociation and all ionization processes was determined from the data of Cairns and Samson.<sup>38</sup> Since no branching ratios are available for dissociation into the  $^1S$  and  $^1D$  metastable states of C and O, we followed the suggestion of McElroy and McConnell<sup>6</sup> that all such dissociations end up in  $\text{C}(^1D)$  and  $\text{O}(^1D)$  and estimated the branching ratio from the data of Cook et al.<sup>39</sup> The branching ratios for ionization and dissociative ionizations was taken from Kronebusch and Berkowitz.<sup>42</sup>

### Thresholds:

The threshold for dissociation of  $\text{CO}(X^1\Sigma^+)$  into the ground states of C and O is at  $\lambda = 1117.8 \text{ \AA}$  as given by Krupenie<sup>43</sup> and into the metastable states  $\text{C}(^1D)$  and  $\text{O}(^1D)$  it is at  $\lambda = 863.4 \text{ \AA}$  as tabulated by Cook et al.<sup>39</sup>. The ionization threshold, also from Krupenie, is  $\lambda = 884.79 \text{ \AA}$ . For dissociative ionization into  $\text{O} + \text{C}^+ + e$  the threshold is  $\lambda = 554.7 \text{ \AA}$  and into  $\text{C} + \text{O}^+ + e$  it is  $\lambda = 501.8 \text{ \AA}$ . Both values are from Kronebusch and Berkowitz.<sup>42</sup>

For  $\text{CO}(a^3\Pi)$  dissociation,  $\lambda = 2431.8 \text{ \AA}$  and for ionization  $\lambda = 1549.1 \text{ \AA}$ ; both from Krupenie.<sup>43</sup> The dissociative ionization thresholds have been obtained by subtracting  $6.00 \text{ eV}$  from the corresponding ground state values; for  $\text{O} + \text{C}^+ + e$  the threshold is then at  $\lambda = 758.3 \text{ \AA}$  and for  $\text{C} + \text{O}^+ + e$  it is  $\lambda = 662.7 \text{ \AA}$ .

Rate coefficients:



McElroy and McConnell<sup>6</sup> obtain  $6.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for the first dissociation branch (after correcting to Earth orbit), which is about twice our value and  $5.8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for the second dissociation branch. On the other hand, Wyckoff and Wehinger<sup>36</sup> calculated  $1.9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for the total dissociation rate, or about 40% less than our value ( $3.23 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). Our combined rate for ionization and dissociative ionization out of the ground state ( $3.24 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is somewhat larger than the value obtained by Wyckoff and Wehinger<sup>36</sup> ( $2.7 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ), but smaller than the ionization rates obtained by Siscoe and Mukherjee<sup>4</sup> ( $7.81 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) or by McElroy et al.<sup>7</sup> ( $1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$  when corrected to Earth orbit; they quote  $4.4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at Mars orbit). For the dissociative ionization branch that leads to  $\text{C} + \text{O}^+ + \text{e}$ , McElroy and McConnell<sup>6</sup> give  $1.6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , when corrected to Earth orbit; 2.7 times larger than our value. (They give  $6.9 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at Mars orbit). The rate coefficients for the metastable state of CO should be considered to be estimates only.

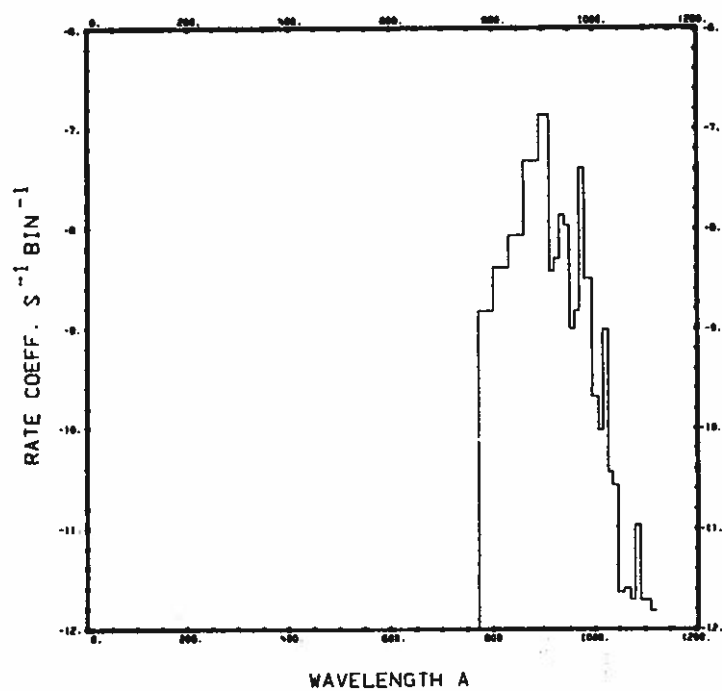
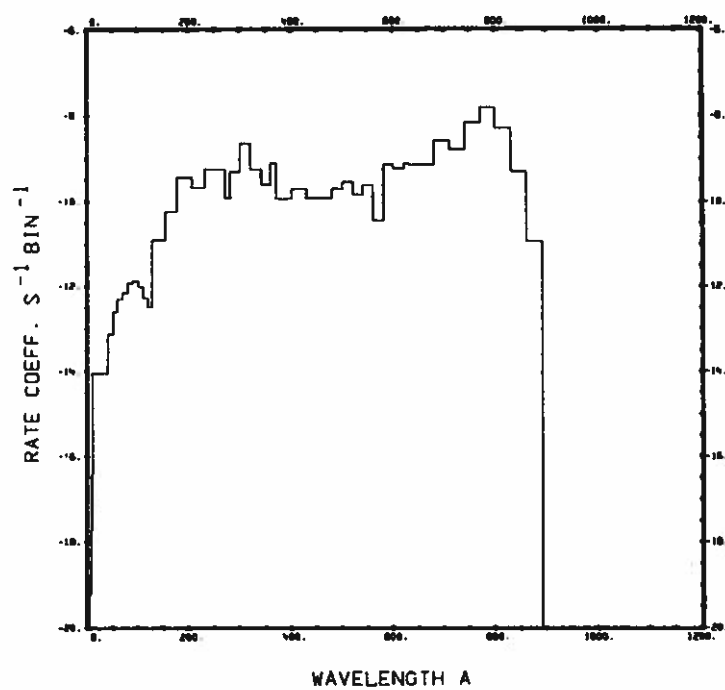


Fig. 15.  
 $\text{CO}(\text{X}^1\Sigma^+) + \nu \rightarrow \text{C} + \text{O}.$

Fig. 16.  
 $\text{CO}(\text{X}^1\Sigma^+) + \nu \rightarrow \text{C}(\text{I}^1\text{D}) + \text{O}(\text{I}^1\text{D}).$



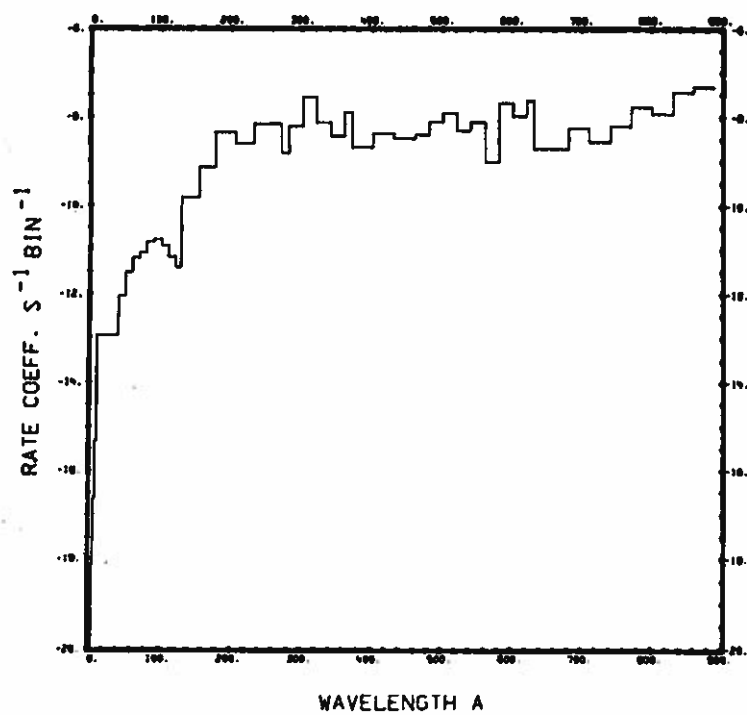


Fig. 17.  
 $\text{CO}(\text{X}^1\Sigma^+) + \nu \rightarrow \text{CO}^+ + \text{e}.$

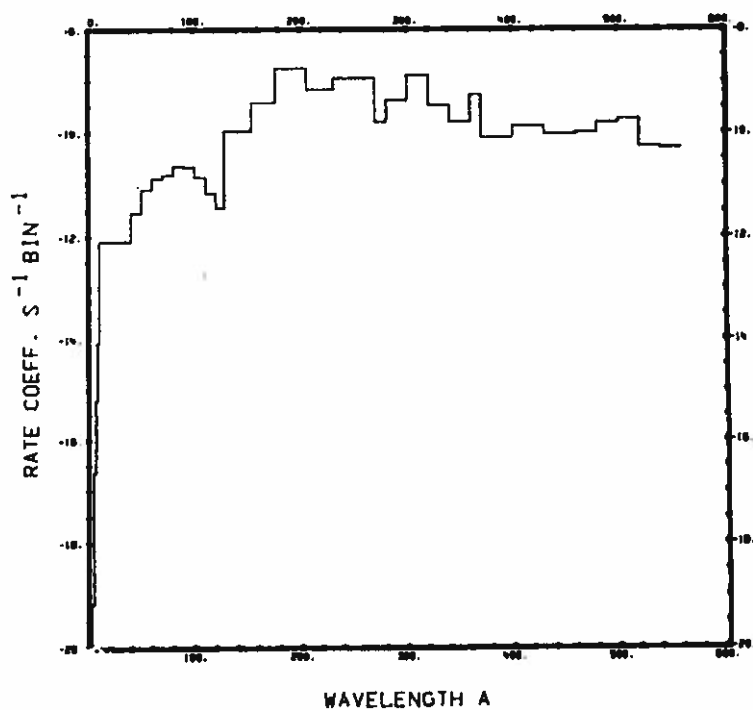


Fig. 18.  
 $\text{CO}(\text{X}^1\Sigma^+) + \nu \rightarrow \text{O} + \text{C}^+ + \text{e}.$

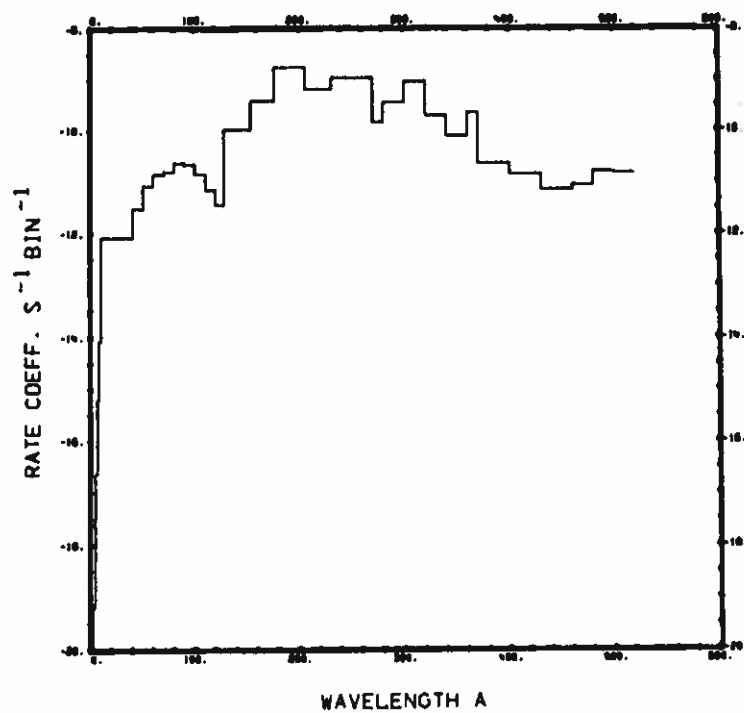


Fig. 19.  
 $\text{CO}(X^1\Sigma^+) + \nu \rightarrow \text{C} + \text{O}^+ + \text{e}.$

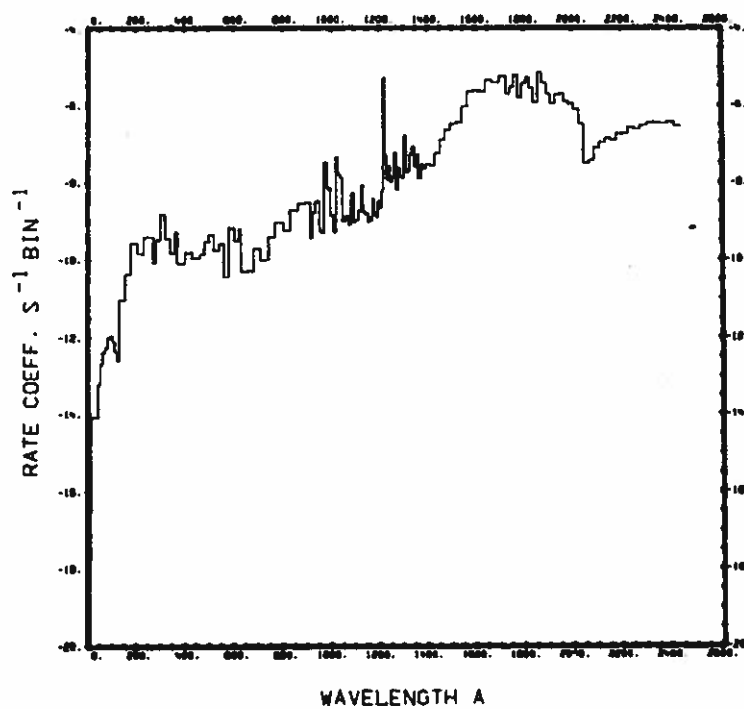


Fig. 20.  
 $\text{CO}(a^3\Pi) + \nu \rightarrow \text{C} + \text{O}.$

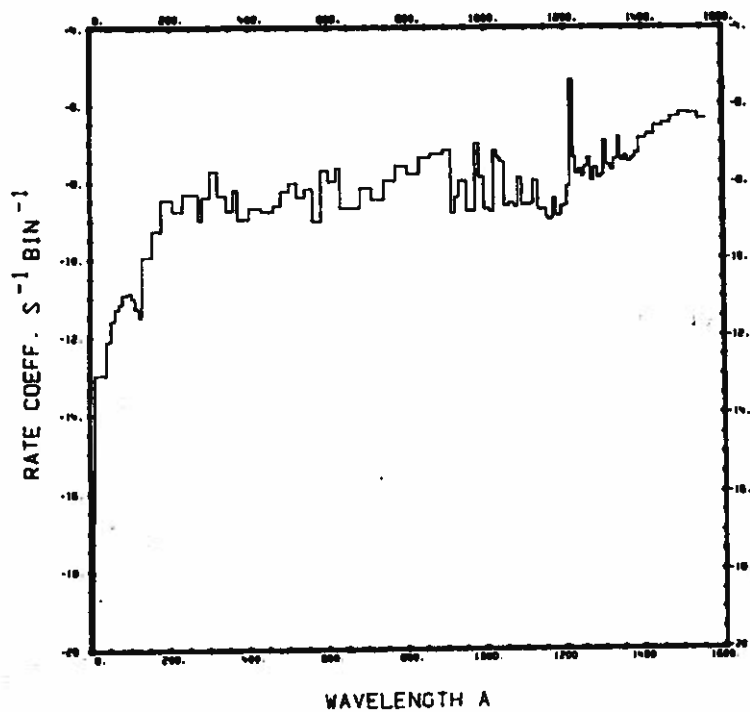


Fig. 21.  
 $\text{CO}(a^3\Pi) + \nu \rightarrow \text{CO}^+ + e.$

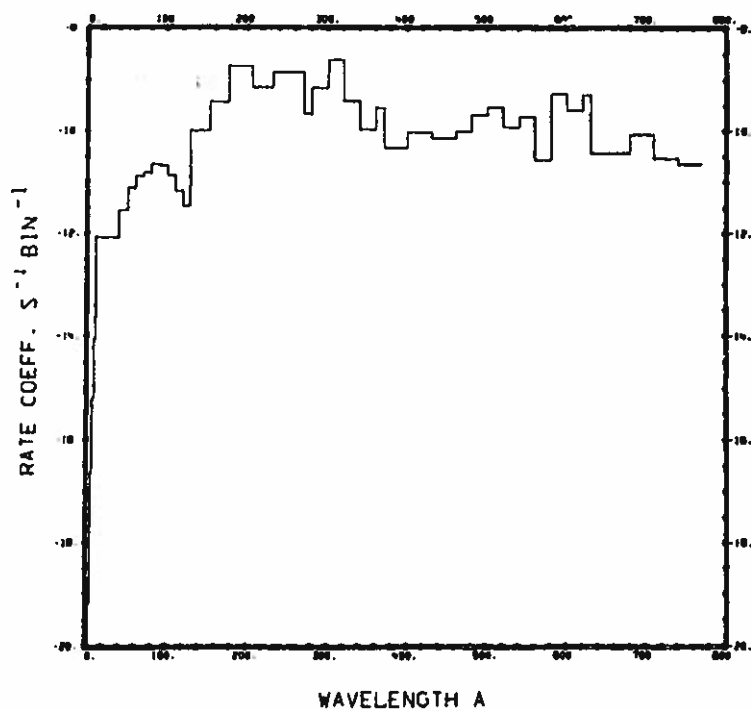


Fig. 22.  
 $\text{CO}(a^3\Pi) + \nu \rightarrow \text{O} + \text{C}^+ + e.$

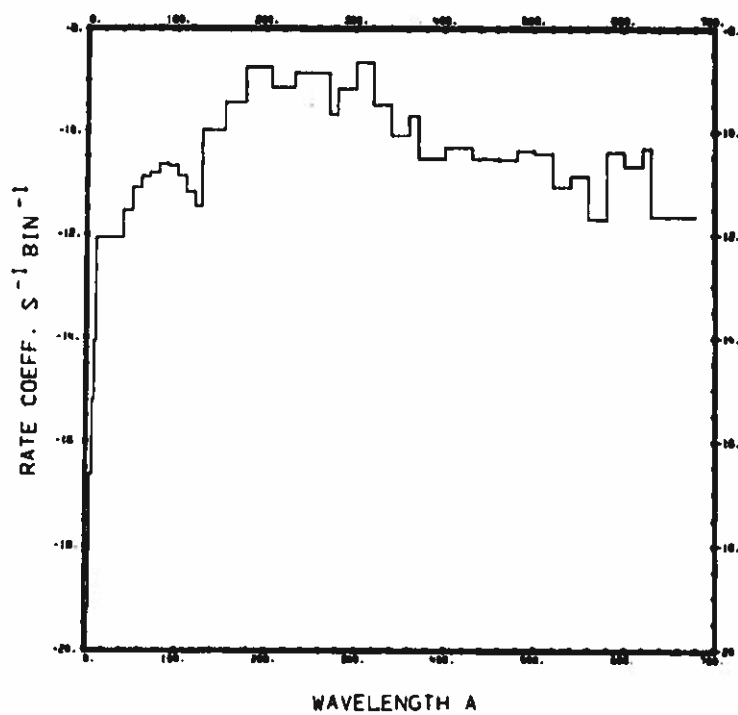


Fig. 23.  
 $\text{CO}(a^3\Pi) + \nu \rightarrow \text{C} + \text{O}^+ + e^-$



## Molecular nitrogen, N<sub>2</sub>

### Cross section:

From  $\lambda = 9.9 \text{ \AA}$  to  $247.2 \text{ \AA}$  cross sections from various sources have been summarized by Huffman.<sup>44</sup> In the range from  $303.8 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1037.6 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section was taken from Samson and Cairns<sup>45</sup> and was supplemented with data from Cook and Metzger<sup>46</sup> in the range  $600 \text{ \AA}$  to  $978 \text{ \AA}$  and from Huffman et al.<sup>47</sup> in the range  $798 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1000 \text{ \AA}$ . A very broad and strong absorption line of N<sub>2</sub> at  $972.5 \text{ \AA}$  overlaps the solar Lyman  $\gamma$  emission line. The measured cross section of the N<sub>2</sub> line varies widely: Clark<sup>48</sup> gives  $\sigma = 1.45 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$ , Watanabe and Marmo<sup>49</sup> give  $\sigma = 1.12 \times 10^{-17} \text{ cm}^2$ , Itamoto and McAllister<sup>50</sup> give  $\sigma = 3.72 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$  (these values quoted by Huffman et al.<sup>47</sup>), Huffman et al.<sup>47</sup> report  $\sigma = 3.02 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$ , Cook and Metzger<sup>46</sup> give  $\sigma = 1.94 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$ , Samson and Cairns<sup>45</sup> measured  $\sigma = 3.56 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$ , Huffman<sup>44</sup> reported  $\sigma = 3.70 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$ , Geiger and Schröder<sup>51</sup> give  $\sigma = 1.51 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$ , and Gürtler et al.<sup>52</sup> measured  $\sigma = 3.57 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$ . The average is  $\sigma = 2.51 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$ , which is the value that was adopted here. The line corresponds to the  $b^1\Pi_u - X^1\Sigma_g^+$ ,  $v' = 3$  transition (see Gürtler et al.<sup>52</sup>). Cook and Metzger<sup>46</sup> had identified the line as the  $v' = 2$  transition. According to Lofthus and Krupenie<sup>53</sup> these levels are pre-dissociating.

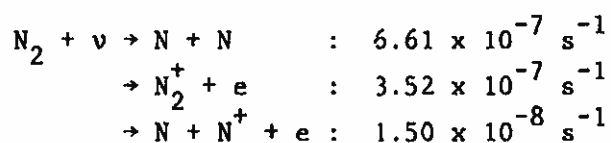
### Branching ratios:

The branching ratio for dissociation and ionization are based on the data obtained by Huffman,<sup>44</sup> Samson and Cairns,<sup>45</sup> and Cook and Metzger.<sup>46</sup> The branching ratio for dissociative ionization is taken from Kronebusch and Berkowitz.<sup>42</sup>

### Thresholds:

The threshold for dissociation as given by Herzberg<sup>54</sup> is  $\lambda = 1021.4 \text{ \AA}$ . Lofthus and Krupenie<sup>53</sup> give the ionization threshold  $\lambda = 796 \text{ \AA}$  and Kronebusch and Berkowitz<sup>42</sup> give the threshold for dissociative ionization  $\lambda = 510.4 \text{ \AA}$ .

Rate coefficients:



The rate coefficient for dissociation is dominated by the predissociation line at  $\lambda = 972.5 \text{ \AA}$ . Thus this rate coefficient will be drastically reduced if the  $\text{N}_2$  molecule's radial velocity with respect to the sun Doppler shifts the predissociation line out of coincidence with the solar Lyman  $\gamma$  emission line.

Between the extreme values of the cross sections for the  $\text{N}_2$  line (see above) the rate coefficient varies from  $8.53 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$  to  $2.80 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$  assuming zero Doppler shift. Our combined rate for ionization and dissociative ionization  $3.67 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$  is about 80% larger than the value reported by McElroy et al.<sup>7</sup> ( $2.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , after correcting to Earth orbit), but it is comparable to  $3.47 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$  quoted by Siscoe and Mukherjee.<sup>4</sup> Baurer and Bortner<sup>10</sup> quote  $4.22 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The rate coefficients obtained by Wyckoff and Wehinger<sup>36</sup> for dissociation ( $1.8 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and for ionization ( $1.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) are much smaller than our values. The ionization rate coefficient is sensitive to the cross section around  $\lambda = 300 \text{ \AA}$ , where data are sparse.

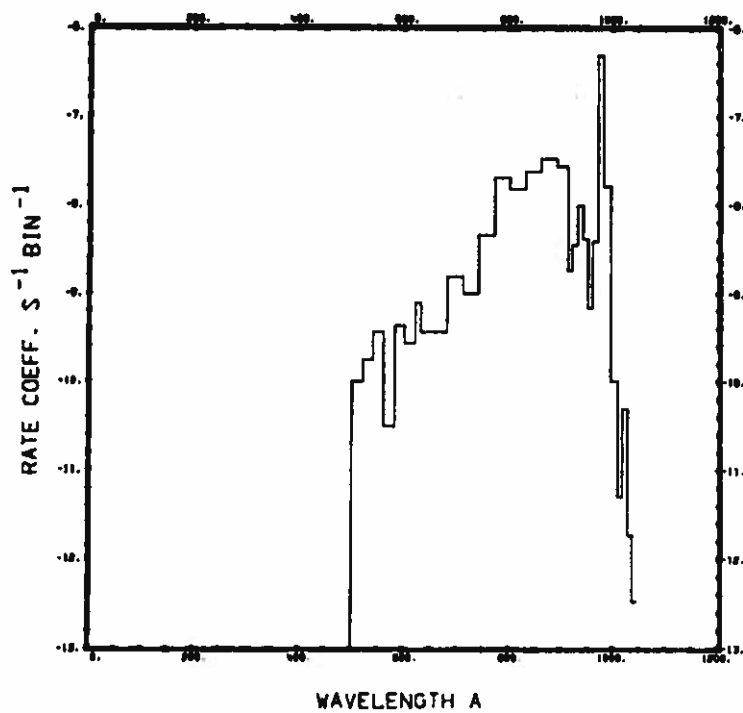


Fig. 24.  
 $\text{N}_2 + \nu \rightarrow \text{N} + \text{N}.$

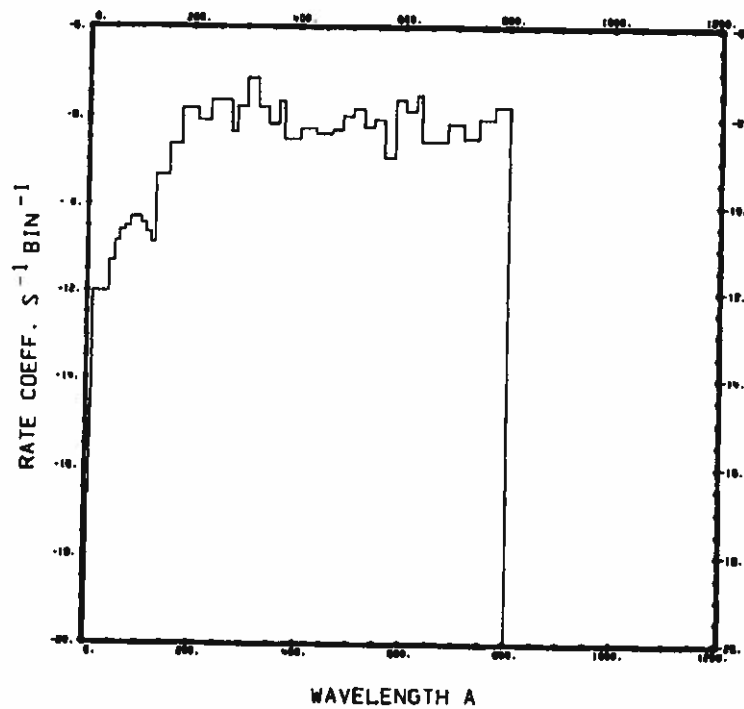


Fig. 25.  
 $\text{N}_2 + \nu \rightarrow \text{N}_2^+ + \text{e}.$

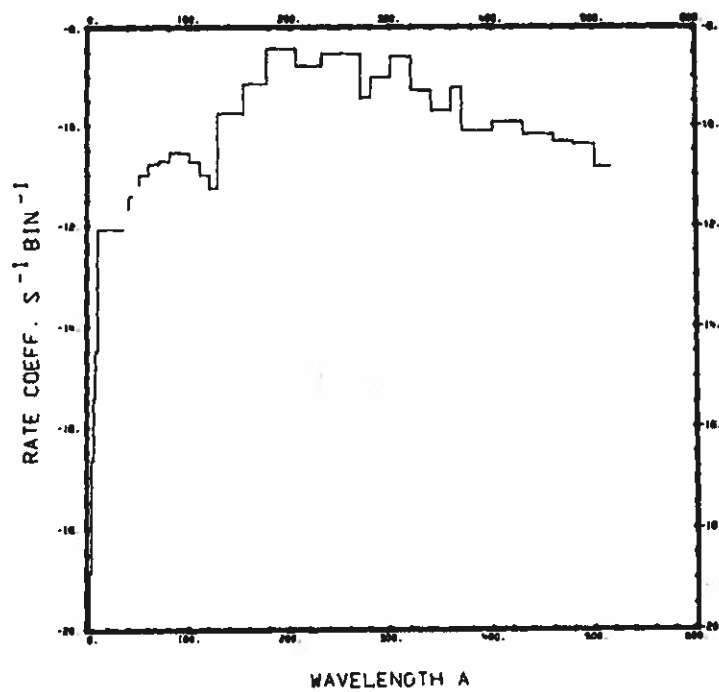


Fig. 26.  
 $N_2 + \nu \rightarrow N + N^+ + e.$

## Nitric oxide, NO

### Cross section:

From  $\lambda = 1$  to  $180 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section is synthesized from the atomic cross sections of N and O. Between  $\lambda = 180 \text{ \AA}$  and  $580 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section data from Lee et al.<sup>55</sup> were used. In the range  $580 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1350 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section comes from Watanabe et al.<sup>56</sup> and between  $\lambda = 1350 \text{ \AA}$  and  $2271 \text{ \AA}$  it comes from Marmo.<sup>57</sup>

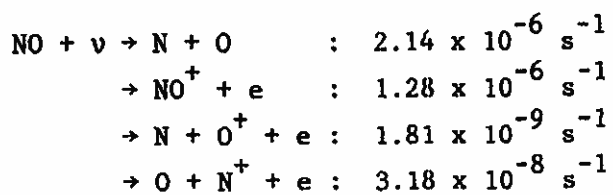
### Branching ratios:

The data for the branching between dissociation and all ionization processes come from Watanabe et al.<sup>56</sup> The branching ratios for photodissociative ionization are given by Kronebusch and Berkowitz.<sup>42</sup>

### Thresholds:

Marmo<sup>57</sup> and McNesby and Okabe<sup>58</sup> give the threshold for dissociation at  $\lambda = 1910 \text{ \AA}$ . The threshold for ionization is given by Watanabe et al.<sup>56</sup> as  $\lambda = 1340 \text{ \AA}$ . The thresholds for dissociative ionization into  $\text{N} + \text{O}^+$  and  $\text{N}^+ + \text{O}$  are  $\lambda = 616.2 \text{ \AA}$  and  $\lambda = 589.3 \text{ \AA}$ , respectively.

### Rate coefficients:



Our rate for dissociation is smaller than the value quoted by Baurer and Bortner<sup>10</sup> ( $6.10 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). Our rate for all ionization processes ( $1.31 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is in very good agreement with the value obtained by Siscoe and Mukherjee<sup>4</sup> ( $1.348 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) but is about double the value quoted by Baurer and Bortner<sup>10</sup> ( $6.24 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ).

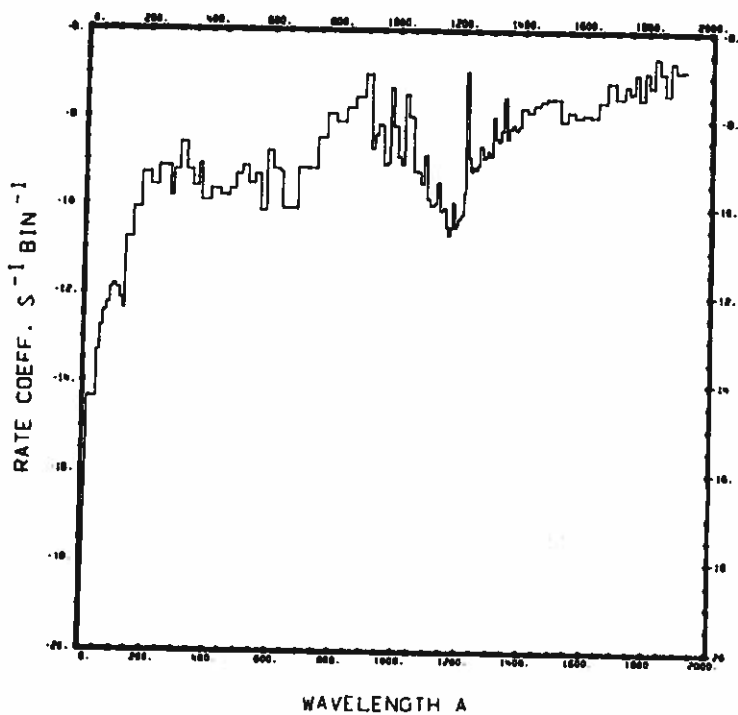


Fig. 27.  
 $\text{NO} + \nu \rightarrow \text{N} + \text{O}.$

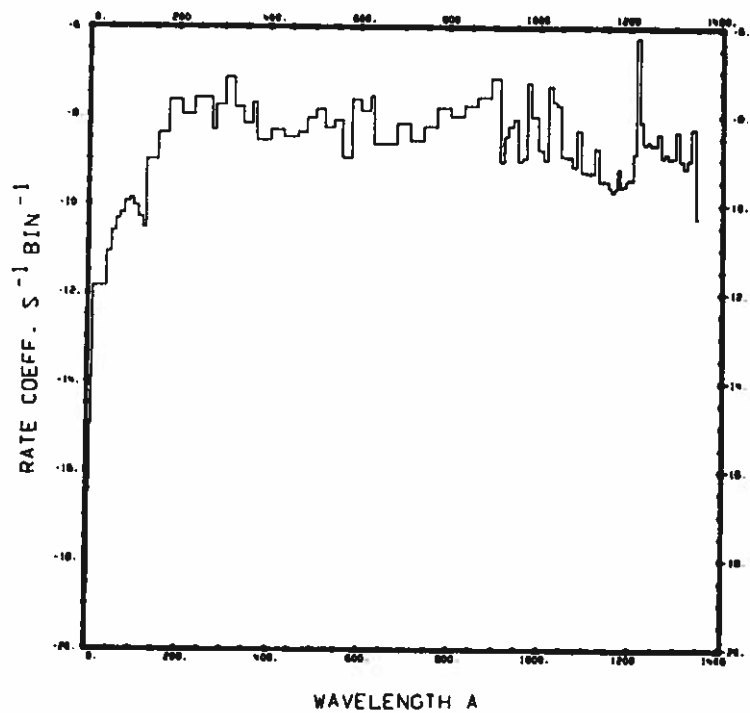


Fig. 28.  
 $\text{NO} + \nu \rightarrow \text{NO}^+ + \text{e}.$

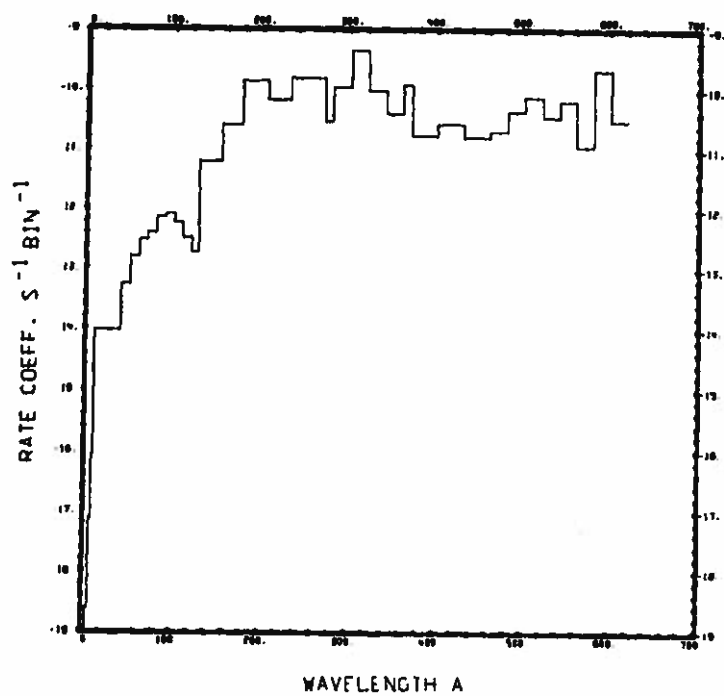


Fig. 29.  
 $\text{NO} + \nu \rightarrow \text{N} + \text{O}^+ + \text{e}.$

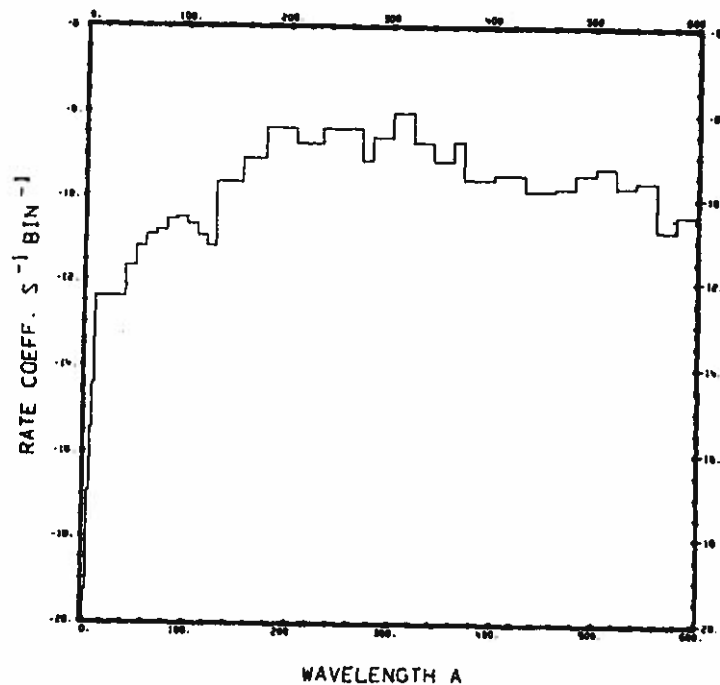


Fig. 30.  
 $\text{NO} + \nu \rightarrow \text{O} + \text{N}^+ + \text{e}.$

## Molecular oxygen, O<sub>2</sub>

### Cross section:

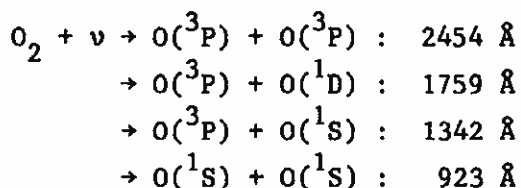
From  $\lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$  to  $295 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section is based on fits made by Barfield et al.<sup>23</sup> for atomic oxygen multiplied by two; it is supplemented by values taken from Huffman.<sup>9</sup> Between  $\lambda = 209.3 \text{ \AA}$  and  $1037.6 \text{ \AA}$  data are taken from Samson and Cairns<sup>24,45</sup> and are supplemented with the cross section from Cook and Metzger<sup>46</sup> in the interval  $\lambda = 600 \text{ \AA}$  to  $912 \text{ \AA}$ . Data are also taken from Matsunaga and Watanabe<sup>59</sup> in the range from  $580 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1077 \text{ \AA}$ . Between  $1062 \text{ \AA}$  and  $1751 \text{ \AA}$  the data from Watanabe<sup>60</sup> are used. From  $1163 \text{ \AA}$  to  $2424.5 \text{ \AA}$  a cross section was used that had been compiled by Ackerman<sup>14</sup> and Ackerman et al.<sup>61</sup> from many sources.

### Branching ratios:

Branching ratios for the sum of processes leading to dissociation and the sum of processes leading to ionization are obtained from data of Huffman,<sup>44</sup> Samson and Cairns,<sup>45</sup> Cook and Metzger<sup>46</sup> and Matsunaga and Watanabe.<sup>59</sup> Dissociation into  $O(^3P) + O(^3P)$ ,  $O(^3P) + O(^1D)$  and  $O(^1S) + O(^1S)$  is given by branching ratios of Lee et al.,<sup>62</sup> Hudson,<sup>63</sup> Ackerman et al.<sup>61</sup> and Ditchburn and Young.<sup>64</sup> Photodissociative ionization branching ratios are obtained from Comes et al.,<sup>65</sup> Weissler et al.,<sup>66</sup> and Kronebusch and Berkowitz.<sup>42</sup>

### Thresholds:

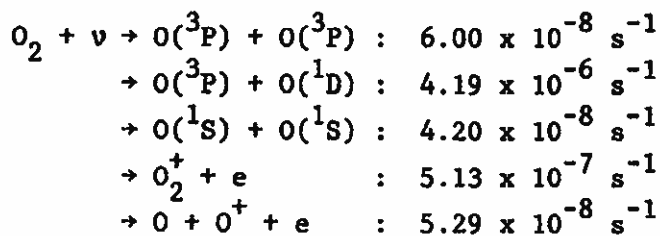
Some important threshold wavelengths for dissociation as given by McNesby and Okabe<sup>58</sup> are:



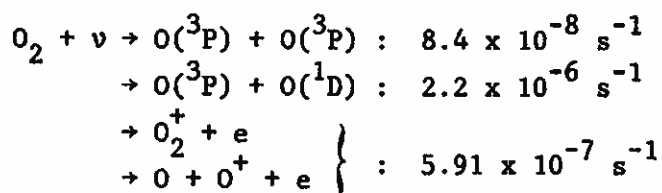
Huffman<sup>9</sup> quotes  $1027.8 \text{ \AA}$  for the ionization threshold. Threshold for dissociative ionization is at  $585 \text{ \AA}$ , given by Kronebusch and Berkowitz.<sup>42</sup>



Rate coefficients:



for comparison, the rates quoted by Baurer and Bortner<sup>10</sup> are:



McElroy and Hunten<sup>5</sup> give  $1.3 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for the first dissociation branch and  $6.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for the second dissociation branch (after correcting to Earth orbit).

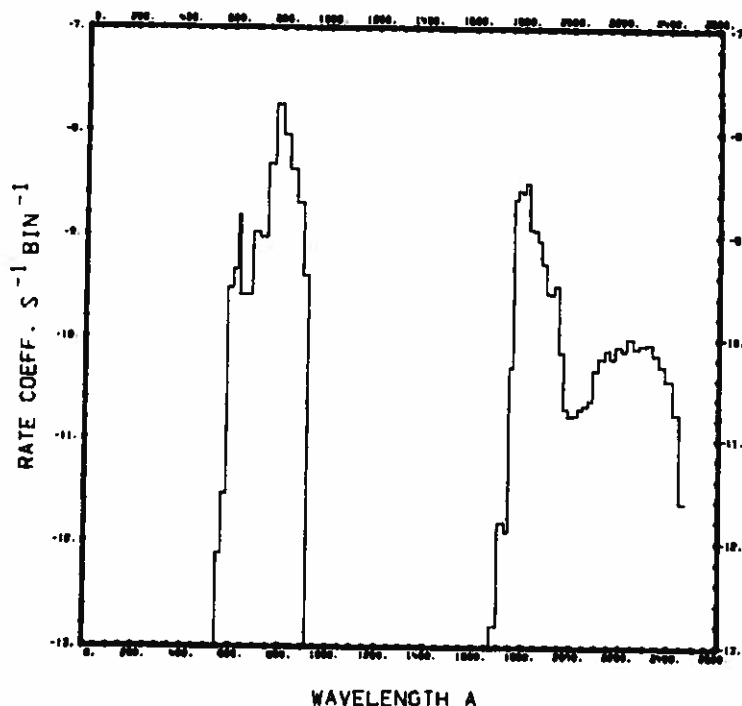


Fig. 31.  $\text{O}_2 + \nu \rightarrow \text{O}(^3\text{P}) + \text{O}(^3\text{P})$ .

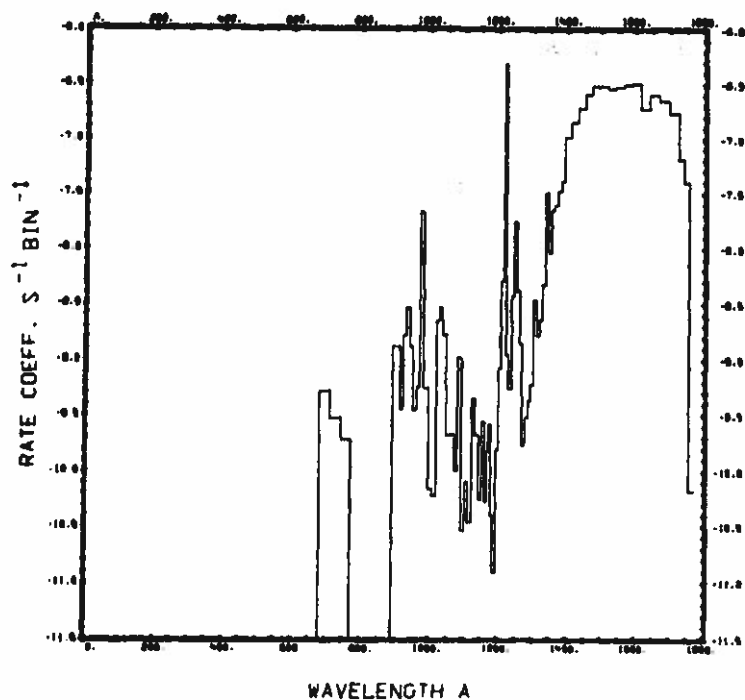


Fig. 32.  
 $\text{O}_2 + \nu \rightarrow \text{O}(^3\text{P}) + \text{O}(^1\text{D})$ .

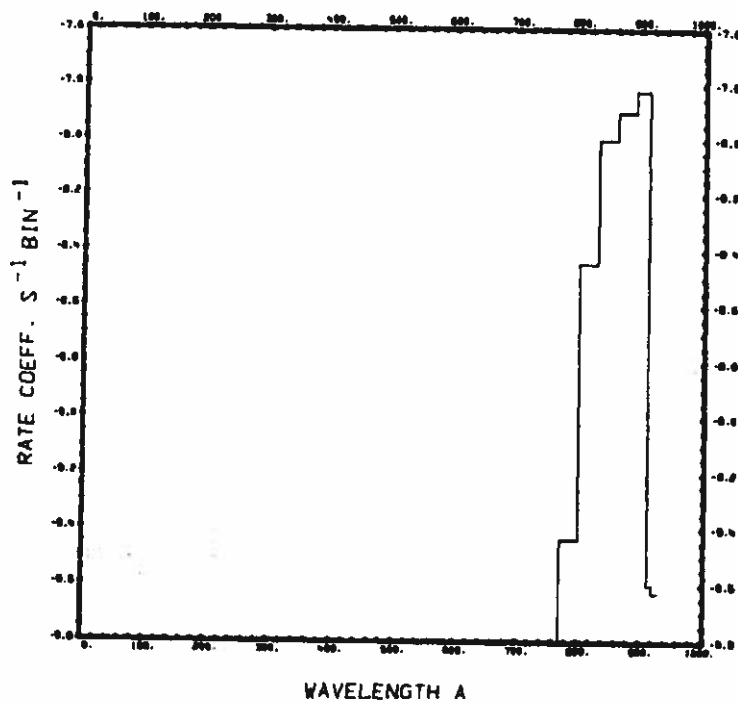


Fig. 33.  
 $\text{O}_2 + \nu \rightarrow \text{O}(^1\text{S}) + \text{O}(^1\text{S})$ .

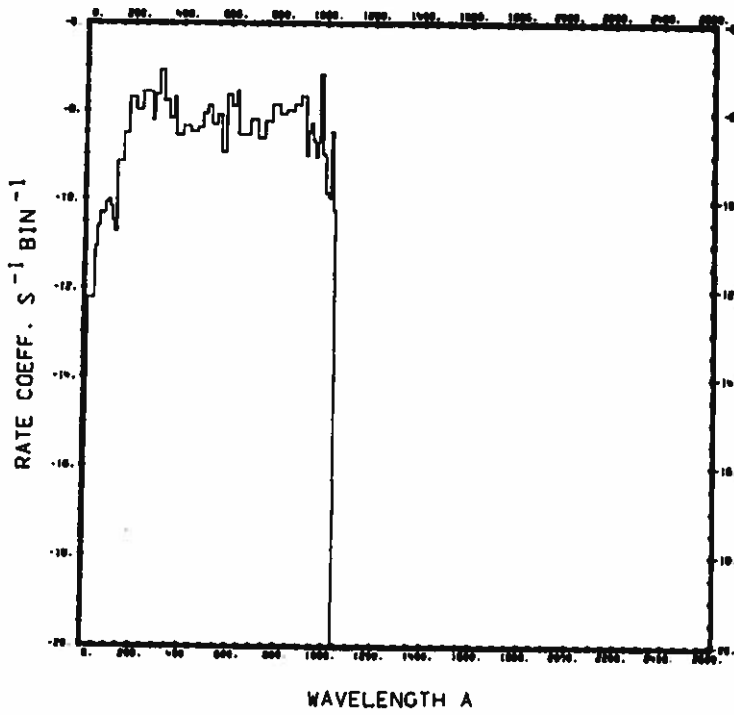


Fig. 34.  
 $\text{O}_2 + v \rightarrow \text{O}_2^+ + e$ .

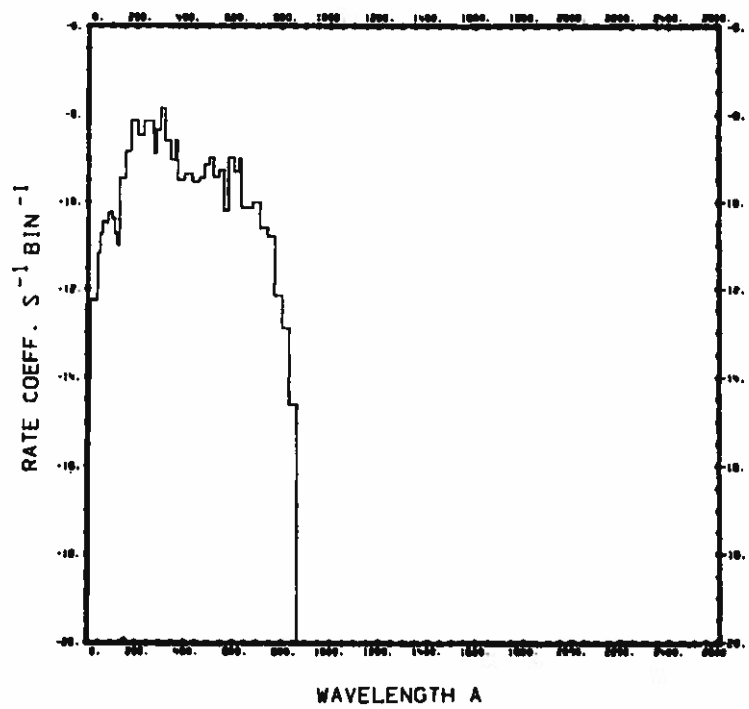


Fig. 35.  
 $\text{O}_2 + v \rightarrow \text{O} + \text{O}^+ + e$ .

## Water, H<sub>2</sub>O

### Cross section:

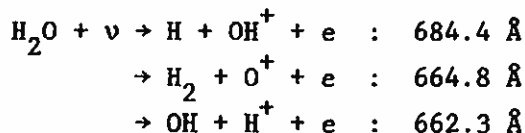
From  $\lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$  to  $100 \text{ \AA}$  the molecular cross section has been approximated by the sum of the atomic cross sections. Between  $180 \text{ \AA}$  and  $720 \text{ \AA}$ , cross section data were taken from Phillips et al.,<sup>67</sup> supplemented with data from Dibeler et al.<sup>68</sup> From  $\lambda = 700 \text{ \AA}$  to  $980.8 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section was determined by Katayama et al.<sup>69</sup> In the range  $\lambda = 850 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1110 \text{ \AA}$  the measurements made by Watanabe and Jursa<sup>70</sup> were incorporated. Between  $\lambda = 1060 \text{ \AA}$  and  $1860 \text{ \AA}$  data are based on measurements made by Watanabe and Zelickoff.<sup>71</sup>

### Branching ratios:

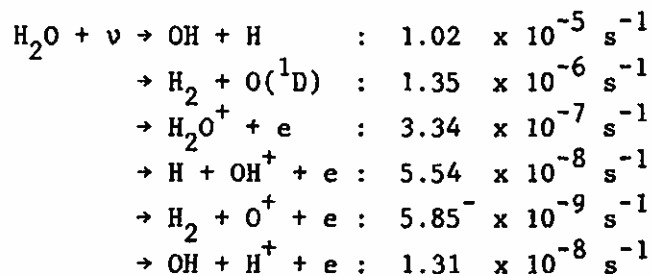
The branching ratio for dissociation and ionization is obtained from the papers of Katayama et al.<sup>69</sup> and Watanabe and Jursa.<sup>70</sup> Branching ratios for dissociative ionization are obtained from Dibeler et al.<sup>68</sup> and from Kronebusch and Berkowitz.<sup>42</sup>

### Thresholds:

The dissociation into  $\text{H} + \text{OH}$  has a threshold at  $\lambda = 1860 \text{ \AA}$  as determined by Watanabe and Zelickoff,<sup>71</sup> while the threshold for dissociation into  $\text{H}_2 + \text{O}(^1\text{D})$  is at  $\lambda = 1450 \text{ \AA}$  as assumed from discussions given by McNesby et al.<sup>72</sup> The ionization threshold of  $\lambda = 984 \text{ \AA}$  reported by Katayama et al.<sup>69</sup> is in good agreement with values measured by Dibeler et al.<sup>68</sup> and Watanabe and Jursa.<sup>70</sup> Thresholds for dissociative ionization as reported by Kronebusch and Berkowitz<sup>42</sup> are



Rate coefficients:



The dissociation rate of  $1.16 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$  is in good agreement with the rates predicted by Potter and del Duca<sup>1</sup> ( $1.38 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and by Wyckoff and Wehinger<sup>36</sup> ( $1.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ), but it is larger than the rate given by Baurer and Bortner<sup>10</sup> ( $8.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and is much smaller than the value quoted by Jackson<sup>2,3</sup> ( $5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). Our combined ionization rate coefficient  $4.08 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$  is also in good agreement with the rate given by Wyckoff and Wehinger<sup>36</sup> ( $4.4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) but is smaller than the rate quoted by Siscoe and Mukherjee<sup>4</sup> ( $6.24 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). Our total photo rate coefficient for destruction of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is  $1.20 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . This is in good agreement with the rate given by Wyckoff and Wehinger<sup>36</sup> ( $1.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and the approximate rate obtained by Bertaux et al.<sup>21</sup> ( $9.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ).

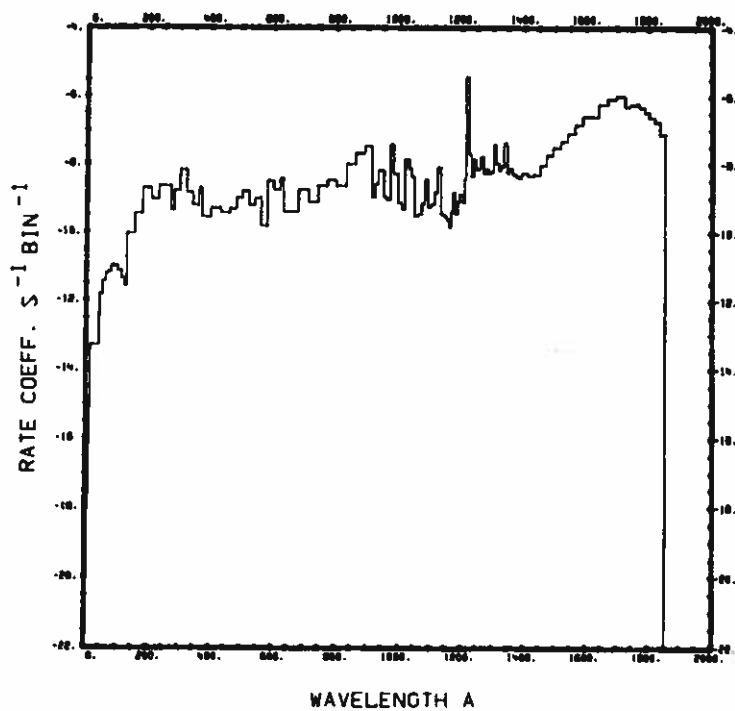


Fig. 36.  
 $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \nu \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{H}_{\frac{1}{2}}$

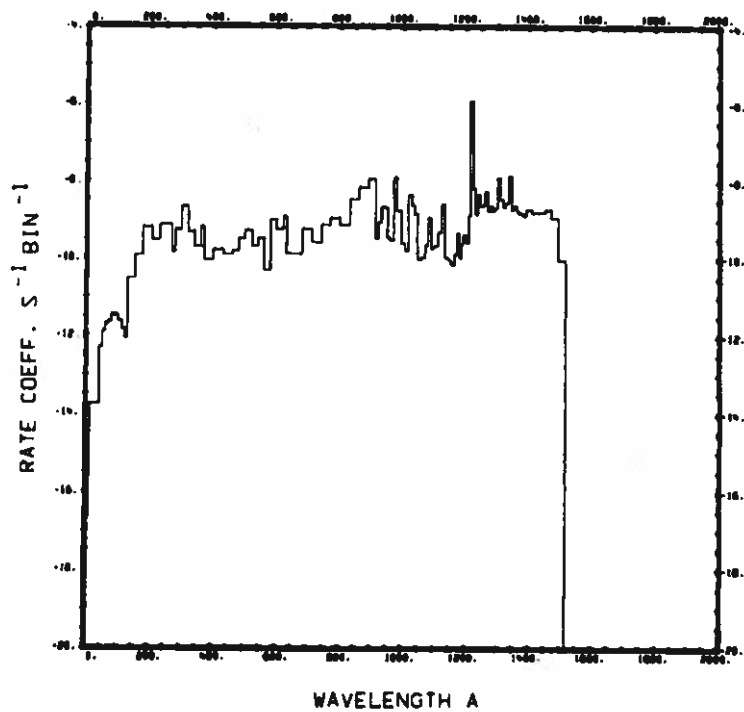


Fig. 37.  
 $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \nu \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{O}(^1\text{D})$

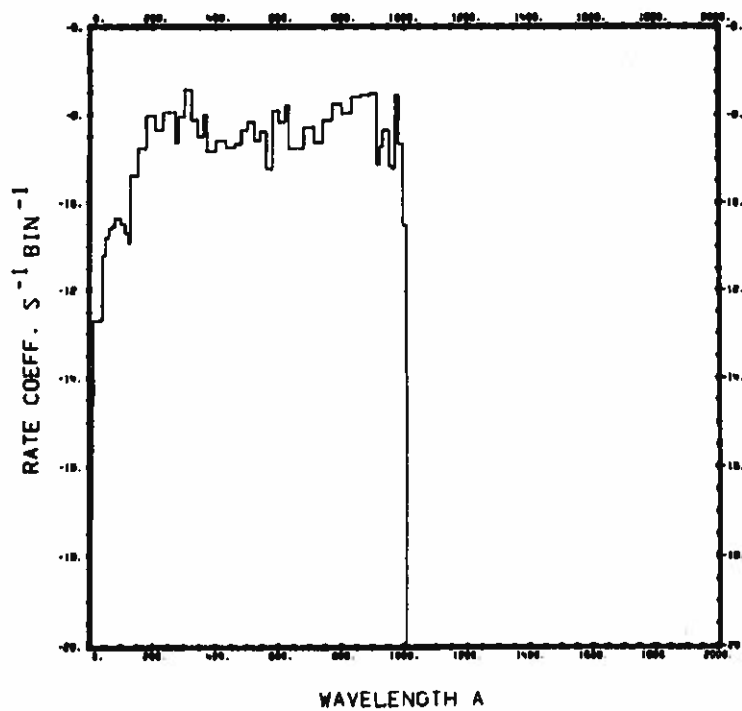


Fig. 38.  
 $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \nu \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}^+ + \text{e}.$

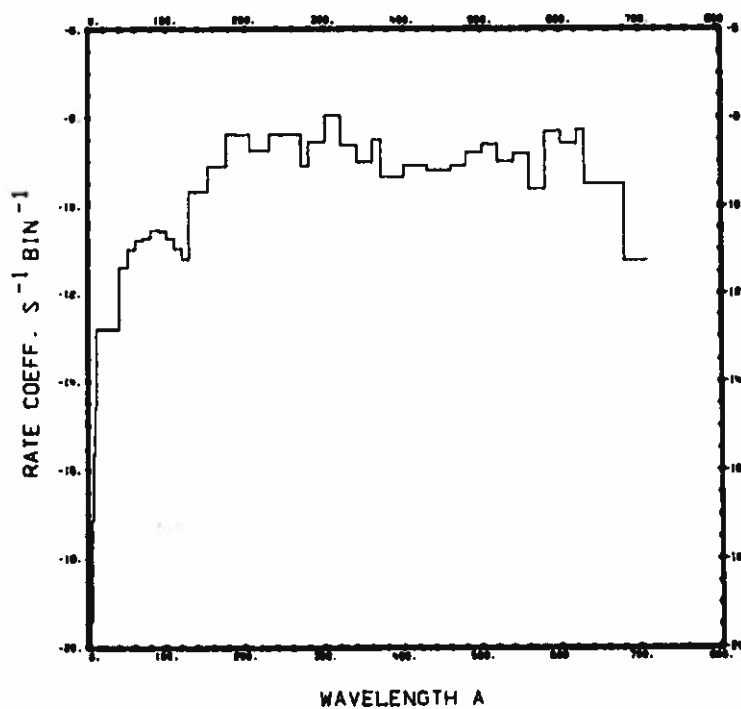


Fig. 39.  
 $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \nu \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{OH}^+ + \text{e}.$

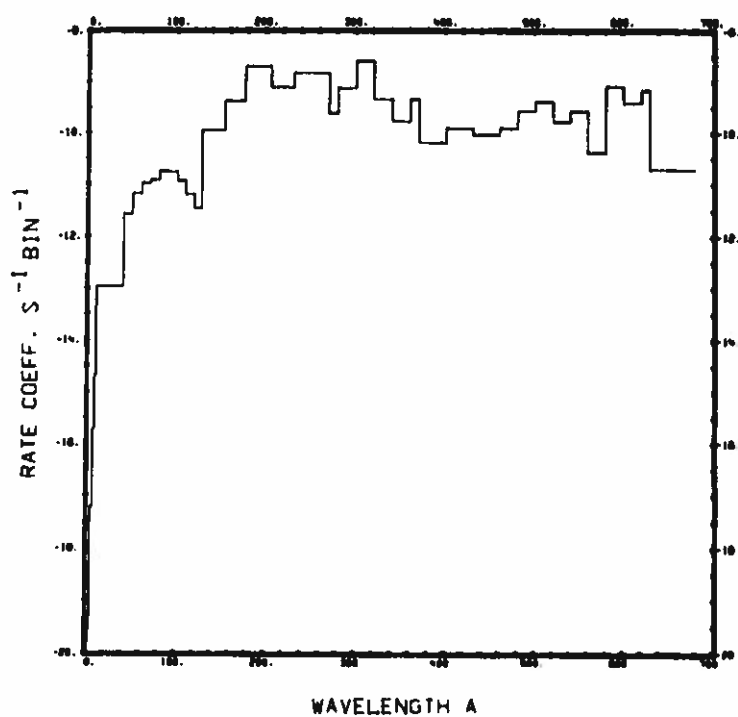


Fig. 40.  
 $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \nu \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{O}^+ + \text{e}$ .

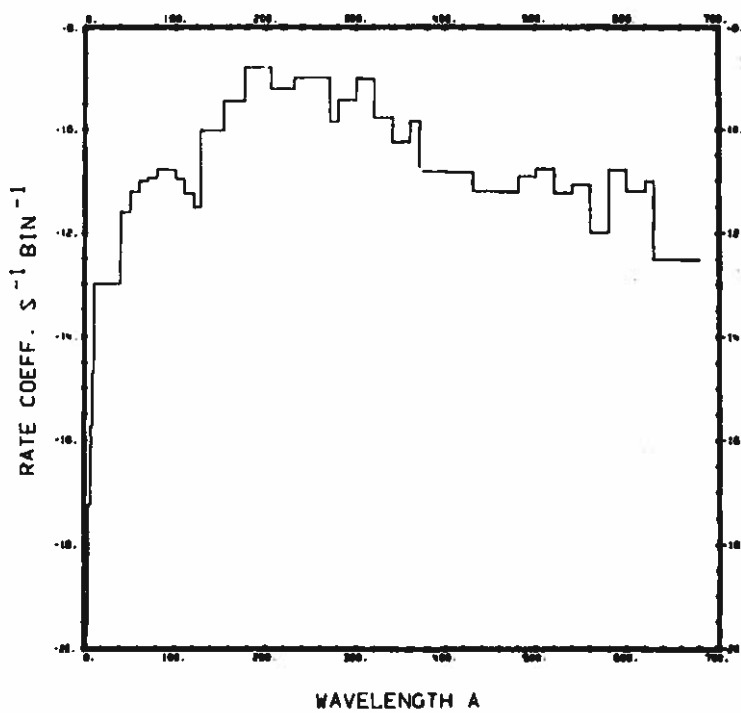


Fig. 41.  
 $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \nu \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{H}^+ + \text{e}$ .



## Hydrogen cyanide, HCN

### Cross section:

Between  $\lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$  and  $900 \text{ \AA}$  the molecular cross section is synthesized from the atomic cross sections of H, C and N. From  $\lambda = 1050 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1950 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section was measured by West.<sup>73</sup>

### Branching ratios:

Since no branching ratios are available, it is assumed that the entire rate corresponds to dissociation.

### Threshold:

Threshold is assumed to be at  $1950 \text{ \AA}$ .

### Rate coefficient:



This agrees with the rate obtained by Jackson<sup>2,3</sup> ( $1.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) who used the same cross section data for  $\lambda > 1050 \text{ \AA}$ . The rate coefficient is completely dominated by the solar Lyman  $\alpha$  contribution.

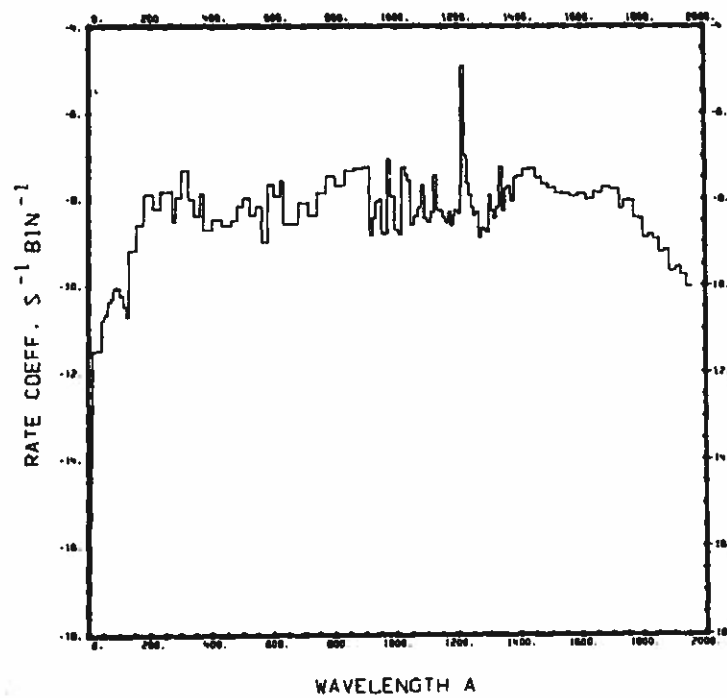


Fig. 42.  
 $\text{HCN} + \nu \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{CN}.$

## Carbon dioxide, CO<sub>2</sub>

### Cross section:

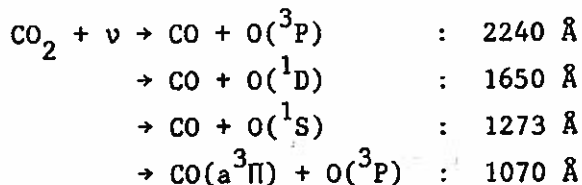
From  $\lambda = 2 \text{ \AA}$  to  $270 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section compiled by Henry and McElroy<sup>37</sup> was used. Between  $303.7 \text{ \AA}$  and  $555.26 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section comes from the measurements made by Cairns and Samson.<sup>38</sup> The range from  $580 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1670 \text{ \AA}$  is covered by the data from Nakata et al.<sup>74</sup> From  $\lambda = 1670 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1990 \text{ \AA}$  the compiled cross section from Huffman<sup>9</sup> was used.

### Branching ratios:

The branching ratio for all ionization processes versus all dissociation processes was obtained from the data of Nakata et al.<sup>74</sup> The dissociation branching ratio for production of CO in the  $X^1\Sigma^+$  or in the  $a^3\Pi$  states from  $\lambda = 851 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1090 \text{ \AA}$  was determined from the data of Lawrence.<sup>75</sup> The structural features of this data are in excellent agreement with the total absorption coefficients of Nakata et al.<sup>74</sup> Ionization and dissociative ionization branching ratios are given by Kronebusch and Berkowitz.<sup>42</sup>

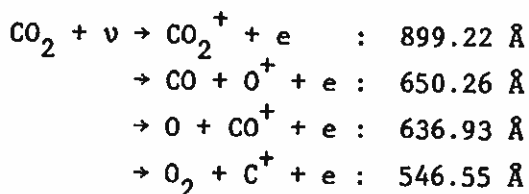
### Thresholds:

Some important threshold values for dissociation are given by McNesby and Okabe.<sup>58</sup>

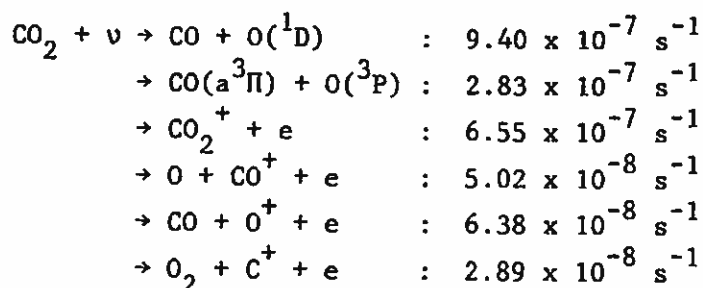


Here CO without further notation stands for the ground state. The first of these dissociations is spin forbidden, the cross section between  $\lambda = 1650 \text{ \AA}$  and  $2240 \text{ \AA}$  is very small, and apparently too small to be measured between  $\lambda = 1990 \text{ \AA}$  and  $2240 \text{ \AA}$ . Therefore, the effective threshold for the rate coefficients reported here is  $1990 \text{ \AA}$ .

Thresholds for ionization are given by Kronebusch and Berkowitz.<sup>42</sup>



Rate coefficients:



Dissociation into the ground state of CO is accompanied by formation of atomic oxygen in the  ${}^1\text{D}$  state with small amounts in the  ${}^3\text{P}$  and  ${}^1\text{S}$  states which have not been separated in the above results. Our value for this process is a factor of ten larger than the one quoted by Baurer and Bortner<sup>10</sup> ( $9.4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). For the  $\text{O}({}^3\text{P})$  branch they obtain  $1.1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . McElroy and Hunten<sup>5</sup> obtain  $1.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for the  $\text{O}({}^1\text{D})$  branch and  $2.8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for the  $\text{O}({}^3\text{P})$  branch (after correcting to Earth orbit). Their small rate for the  $\text{O}({}^3\text{P})$  branch appears to come from the small cross section ( $\sim 10^{-20} \text{ cm}^2$ ) between  $\lambda = 1650 \text{ \AA}$  and  $1990 \text{ \AA}$  and not from the branch yielding  $\text{CO}({}^3\Pi) + \text{O}({}^3\text{P})$ . Our rate coefficient for all ionization processes is  $7.98 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . This is half way between the rates given by Siscoe and Mukherjee<sup>4</sup> ( $1.038 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and McElroy et al.<sup>7</sup> ( $5.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , after correcting to Earth orbit).

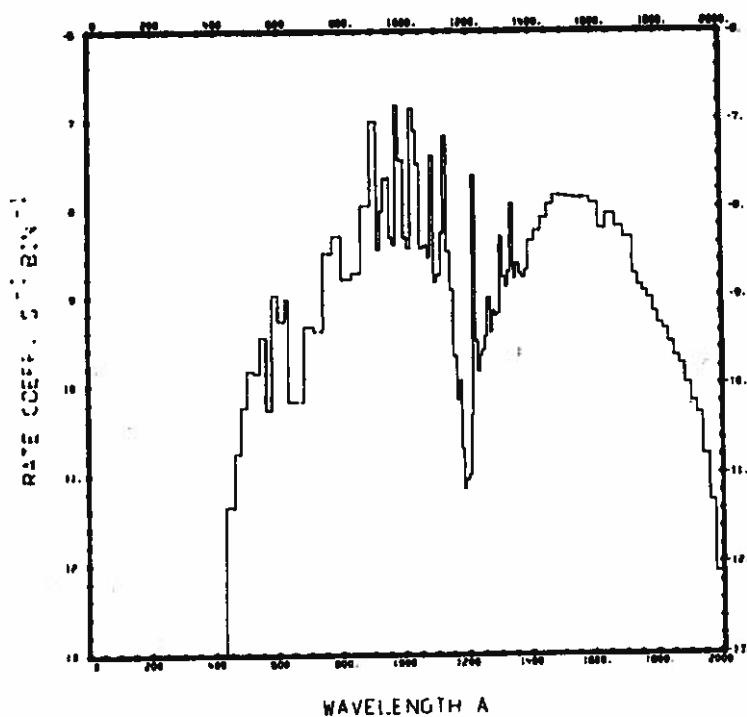
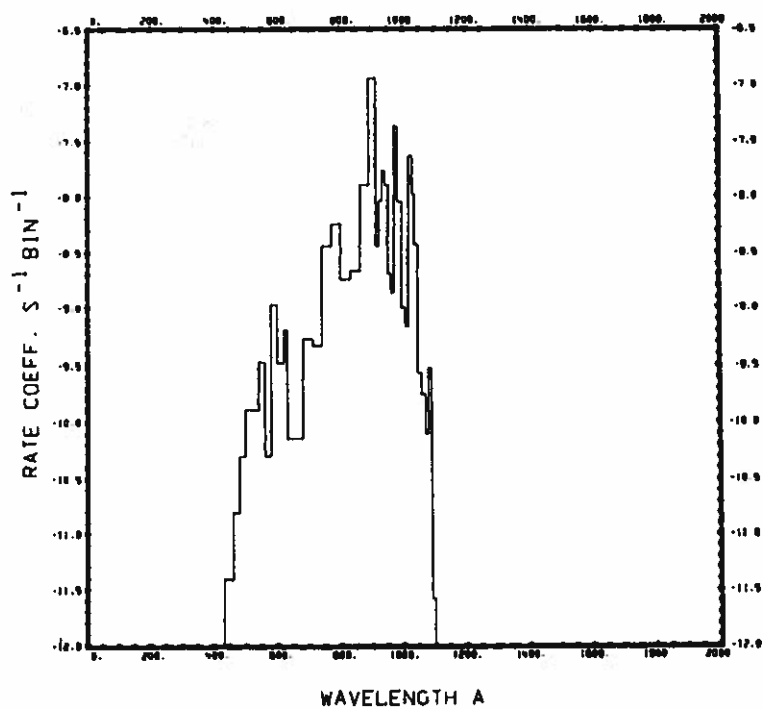


Fig. 43  
 $\text{CO}_2 + v \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{O}(^1\text{D})$ .

Fig. 44.  
 $\text{CO}_2 + v \rightarrow \text{CO}(a^3\Pi) + \text{O}(^3\text{P})$ .



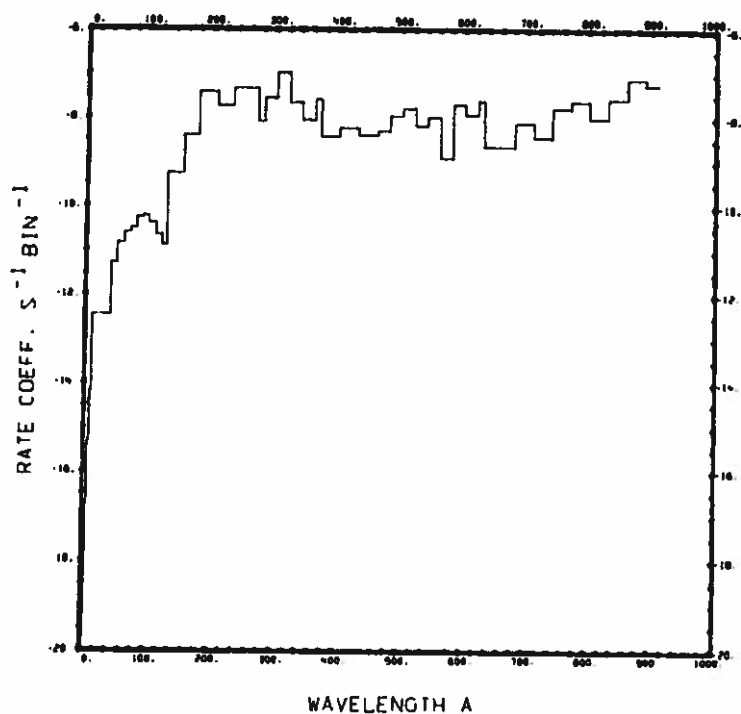


Fig. 45.  
 $\text{CO}_2 + \nu \rightarrow \text{CO}_2^+ + e.$

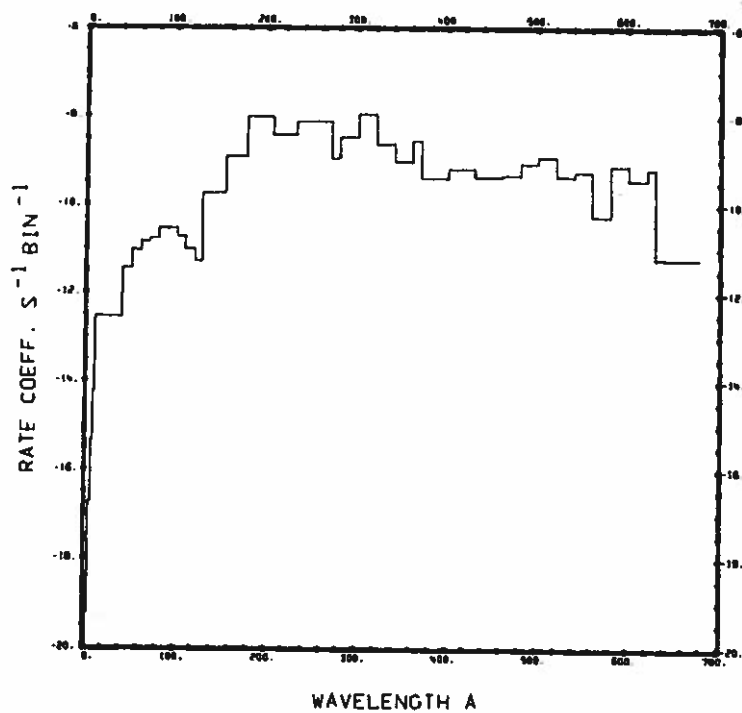


Fig. 46.  
 $\text{CO}_2 + \nu \rightarrow \text{O} + \text{CO}^+ + e.$

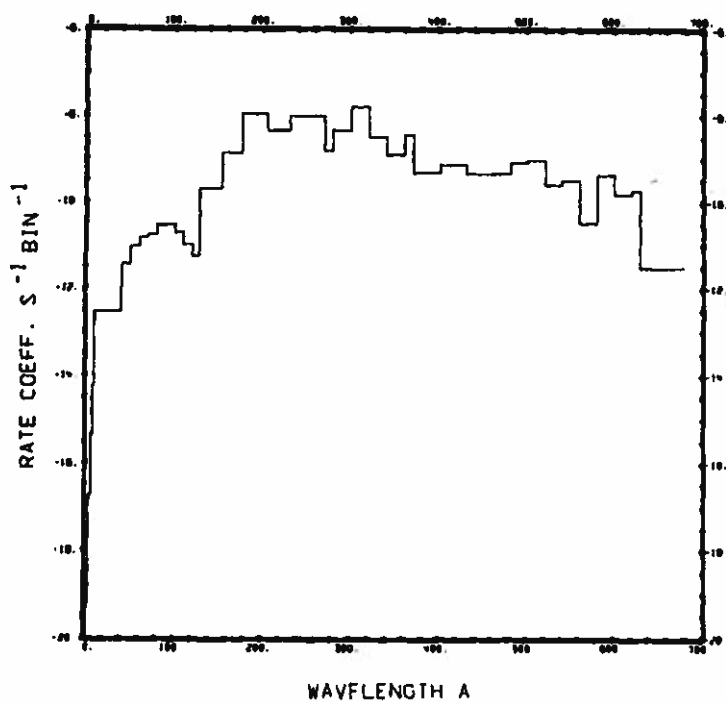


Fig. 47.  
 $\text{CO}_2 + \nu \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{O}^+ + \text{e}.$

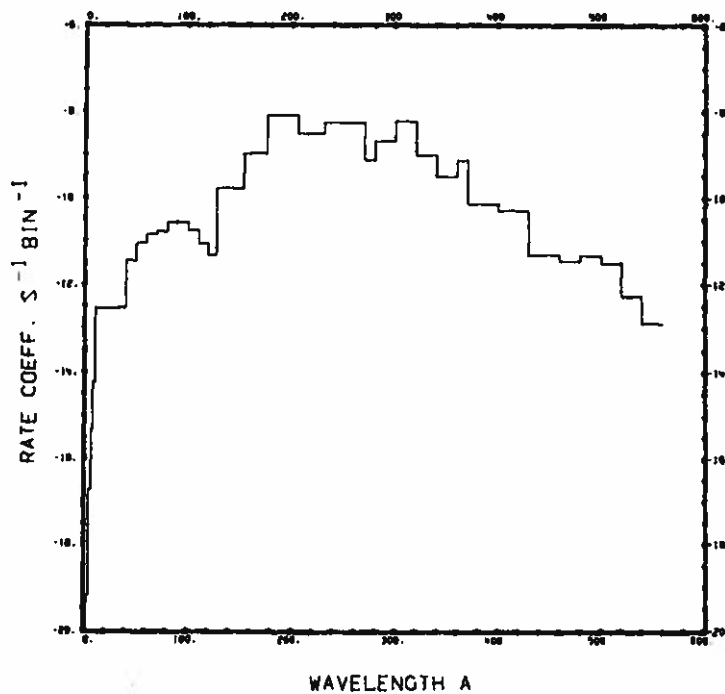


Fig. 48.  
 $\text{CO}_2 + \nu \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{C}^+ + \text{e}.$

## Ammonia, $\text{NH}_3$

### Cross section:

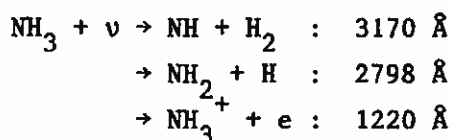
From  $\lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$  to  $350 \text{ \AA}$  cross sections for the atomic constituents were summed to approximate the cross section of the molecule. In the range  $\lambda = 374.1 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1306 \text{ \AA}$  the measured cross section of Sun and Weissler<sup>76</sup> was used. In the interval  $\lambda = 580 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1650 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section was taken from Watanabe and Sood.<sup>77</sup> From  $\lambda = 1650 \text{ \AA}$  to  $2170 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section comes from Watanabe<sup>78</sup> and in the range  $\lambda = 2140 \text{ \AA}$  to  $2330 \text{ \AA}$  it comes from Thompson et al.<sup>79</sup>

### Branching ratios:

The branching between ionization and dissociation processes was obtained from the work of Watanabe and Sood<sup>77</sup> and from Dibeler et al.<sup>68</sup> Branching ratios for the various dissociation products are obtained from McNesby et al.<sup>72</sup> and Groth et al.<sup>80</sup> Dissociative ionization branching ratios are taken from Dibeler et al.<sup>68</sup> and Kronebusch and Berkowitz.<sup>42</sup>

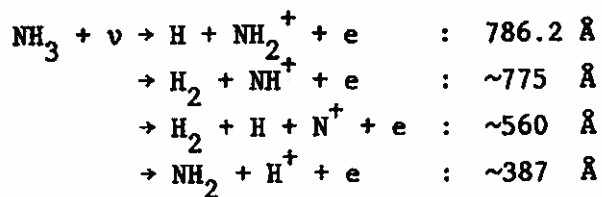
### Thresholds:

Threshold values for dissociation and ionization are given by Okabe and Lenzi.<sup>81</sup>

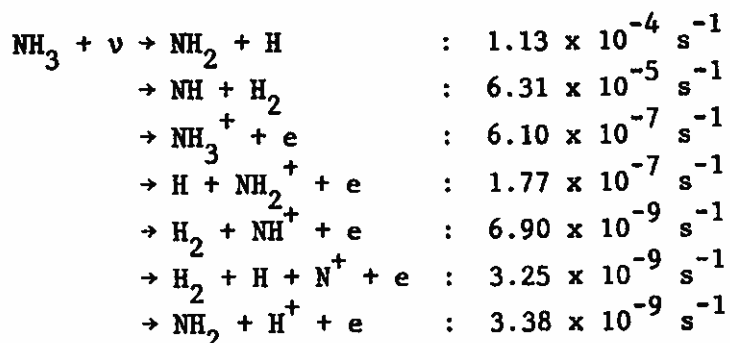


These thresholds are for dissociation into the ground states of  $\text{NH}$  and  $\text{NH}_2$  for which the cross sections are very small. Cross sections are much larger for transitions into excited states (these have been taken into account in the calculation of the rate coefficients). For dissociative ionization thresholds are not well known except for the products  $\text{H} + \text{NH}_2^+ + e$ . Kronebusch and Berkowitz<sup>42</sup> give





Rate coefficients:



Our total rate coefficient ( $1.77 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is between the values obtained by Potter and del Duca<sup>1</sup> ( $6.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and by Jackson<sup>2,3</sup> ( $4.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ).

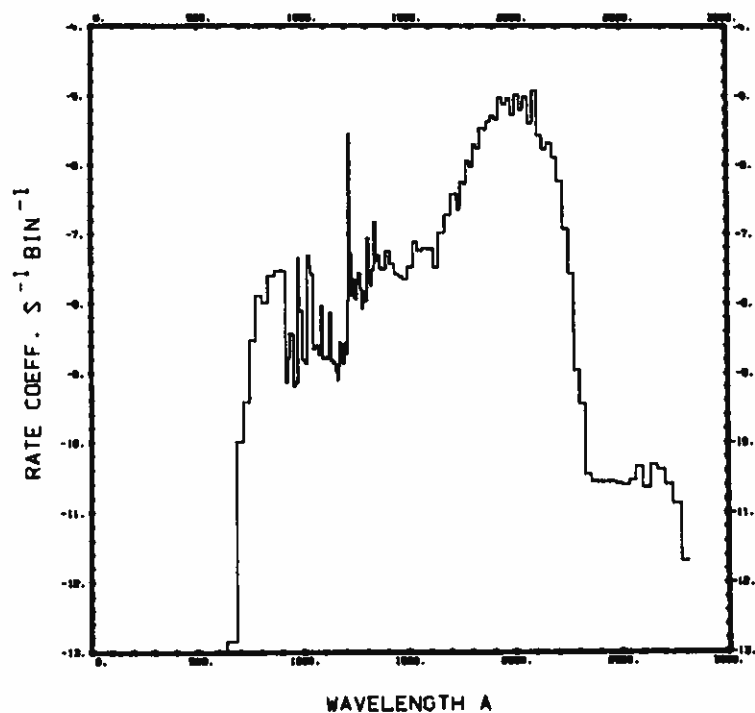


Fig. 49.  $\text{NH}_3 + \nu \rightarrow \text{NH}_2 + \text{H}$ .

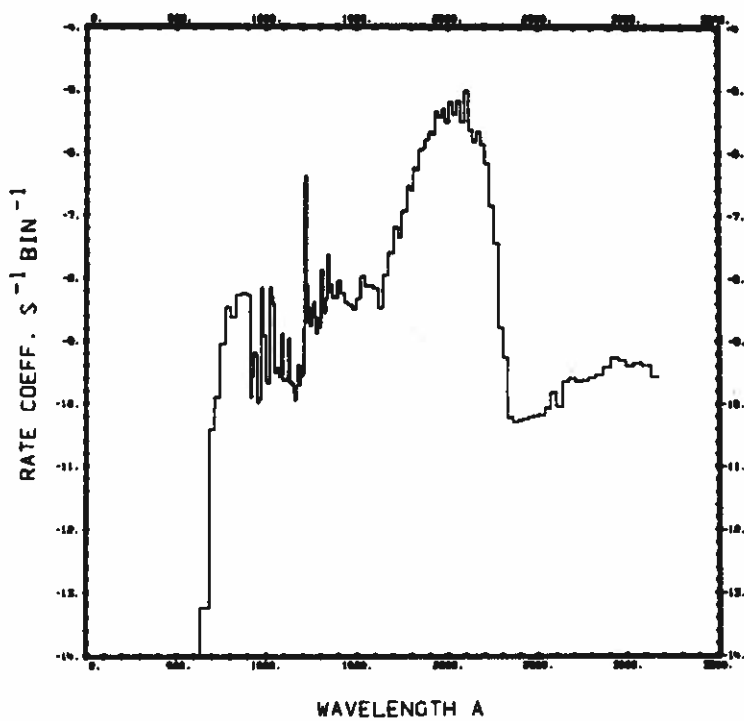


Fig. 50.  
 $\text{NH}_3 + \nu \rightarrow \text{NH} + \text{H}_2$ .

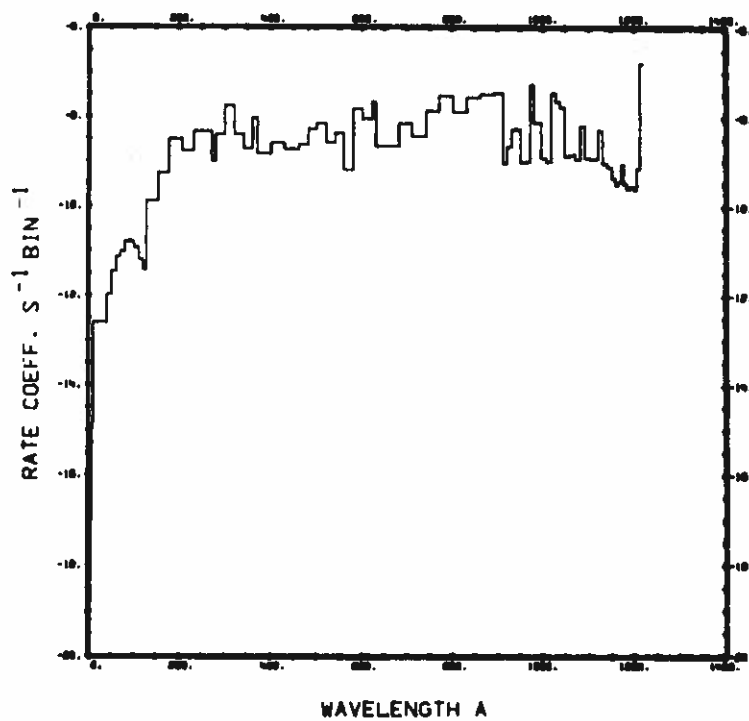


Fig. 51.  
 $\text{NH}_3 + \nu \rightarrow \text{NH}_3^+ + \text{e}$ .

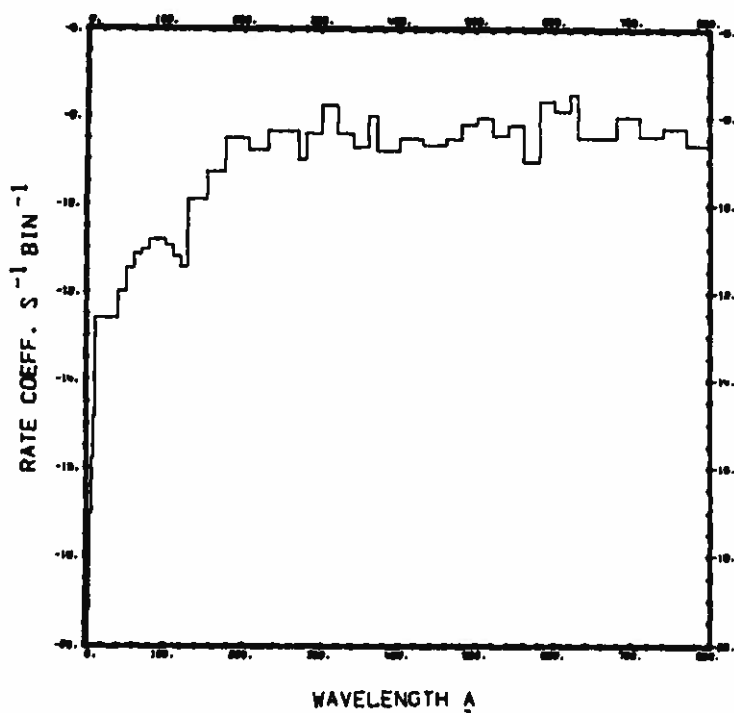


Fig. 52.  
 $\text{NH}_3 + \nu \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{NH}_2^+ + \text{e}.$

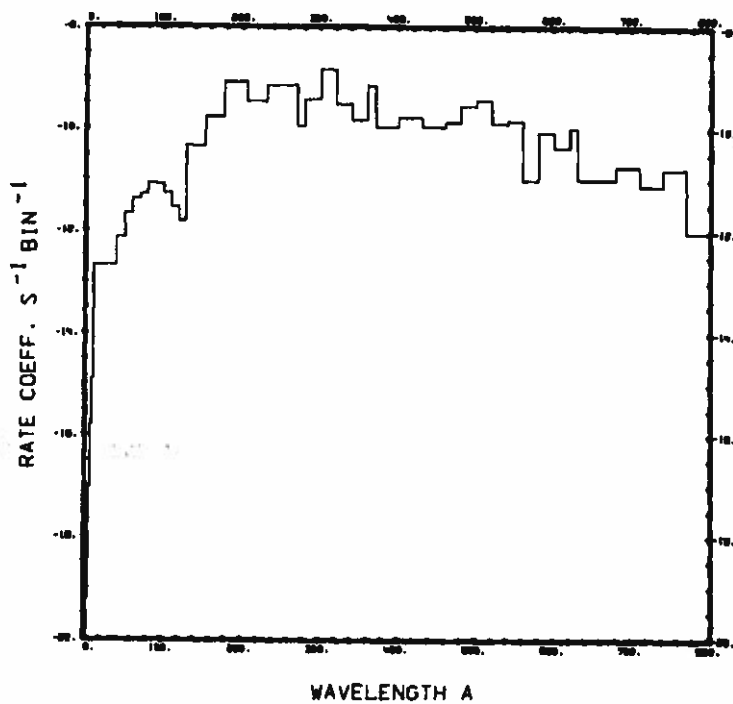


Fig. 53.  
 $\text{NH}_3 + \nu \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{NH}^+ + \text{e}.$

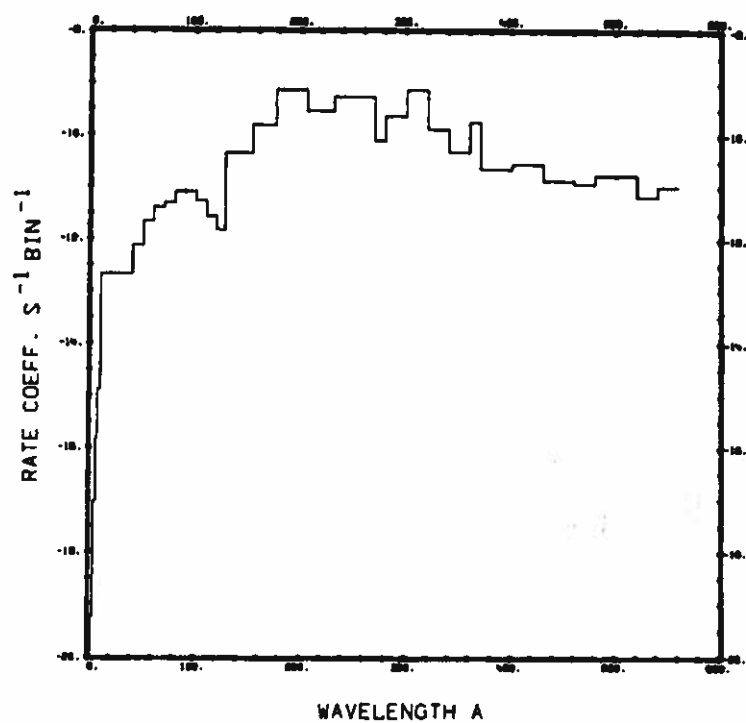


Fig. 54  
 $\text{NH}_3 + \nu \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{H} + \text{N}^+ + \text{e}.$

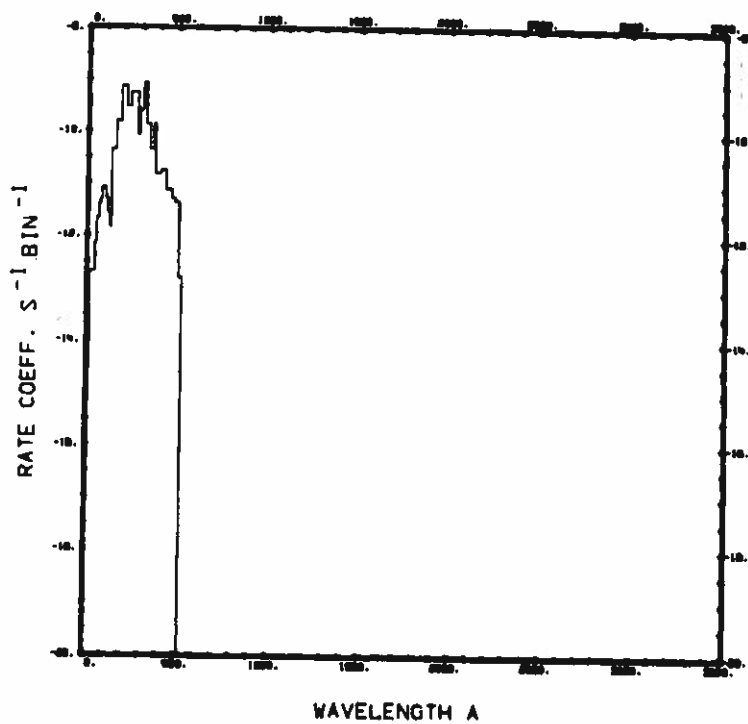


Fig. 55.  
 $\text{NH}_3 + \nu \rightarrow \text{NH}_2 + \text{H}^+ + \text{e}.$

## Acetylene, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>

### Cross Section:

In the range  $\lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$  to  $500 \text{ \AA}$  the sum of the cross sections of the atomic constituents approximate the molecular cross section. From  $\lambda = 600 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1000 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section measured by Metzger and Cook<sup>82</sup> was used. Values between  $1050 \text{ \AA}$  and  $2011 \text{ \AA}$  come from measurements made by Nakayama and Watanabe.<sup>83</sup>

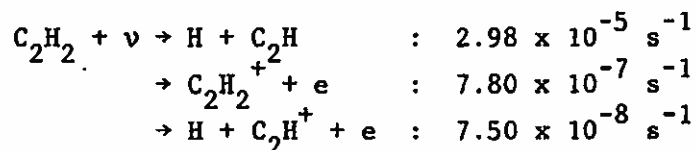
### Branching ratios:

The branching ratio between dissociation and all ionization processes from  $\lambda = 600 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1000 \text{ \AA}$  is taken from Schoen,<sup>84</sup> and in the range from  $\lambda = 1050 \text{ \AA}$  to the ionization threshold it is taken from Nakayama and Watanabe.<sup>83</sup> For dissociative ionization the branching is obtained from Schoen's data.

### Thresholds:

For the pure dissociation the threshold given by Okabe<sup>85</sup> is  $2306 \text{ \AA}$ . The threshold for pure ionization is at  $\lambda = 1086 \text{ \AA}$  as given by Herzberg.<sup>86</sup> The first threshold for dissociative ionization was determined by Metzger and Cook,<sup>82</sup> it is at  $\lambda = 697 \text{ \AA}$ .

### Rate coefficients:



Our combined rate coefficient for these processes is  $3.07 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and falls between the values obtained by Potter and del Duca<sup>1</sup> ( $6.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and by Jackson<sup>2,3</sup> ( $1.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ).

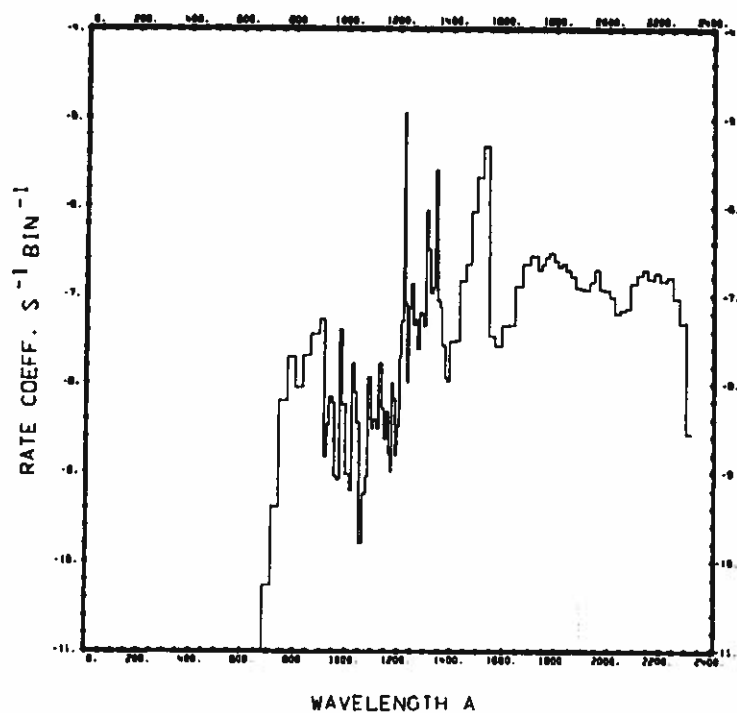


Fig. 56.  
 $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2 + \nu \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{C}_2\text{H}.$

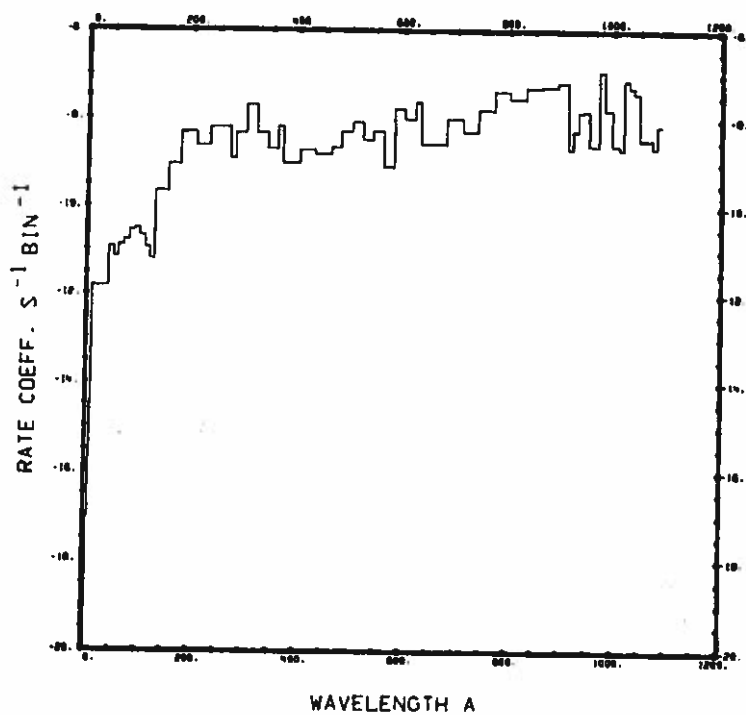


Fig. 57.  
 $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2 + \nu \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_2^+ + \text{e}.$

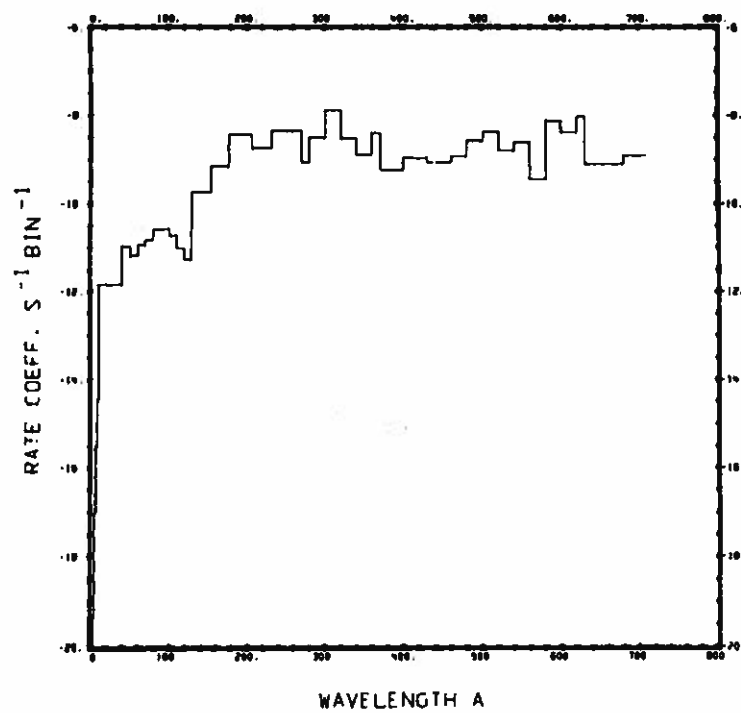


Fig. 58.  
 $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2 + \nu \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{C}_2\text{H}^+ + \text{e}$ .

## Formaldehyde, H<sub>2</sub>CO

### Cross section:

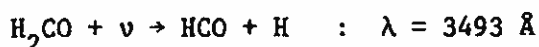
From  $\lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$  to  $500 \text{ \AA}$  the molecular cross section is synthesized from the cross sections of the atomic constituents. Between  $\lambda = 600 \text{ \AA}$  and  $1760 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section reported by Mentall, et al.<sup>87</sup> was used. The values of Gentieu and Mentall<sup>88</sup> were employed in the range  $\lambda = 1760 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1850 \text{ \AA}$ . The cross section between  $\lambda = 2000 \text{ \AA}$  and  $3740 \text{ \AA}$  comes from Calvert and Pitts.<sup>89</sup>

### Branching ratios:

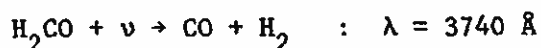
For dissociation forming  $\text{CO} + \text{H}_2$  and  $\text{HCO} + \text{H}$ , the branching ratio in the range  $\lambda = 2991 \text{ \AA}$  to  $3392 \text{ \AA}$  comes from Clark et al.;<sup>90</sup> a few values are also given by Calvert and Pitts.<sup>89</sup> The branching ratio for dissociation into  $\text{CO} + \text{H} + \text{H}$  is from Mentall et al.<sup>87</sup> in the range  $\lambda = 600 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1141.6 \text{ \AA}$  and from Stief et al.<sup>91</sup> at  $1236 \text{ \AA}$  and  $1470 \text{ \AA}$ . Branching ratios for ionization and dissociative ionization are from Guyon et al.<sup>92</sup> in the wavelength range  $680 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1043 \text{ \AA}$  and from Mentall et al.<sup>87</sup> between  $\lambda = 600 \text{ \AA}$  and  $1141.6 \text{ \AA}$ .

### Thresholds:

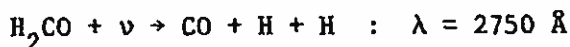
Dissociation thresholds are



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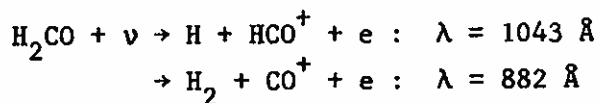
from Calvert and Pitts,<sup>89</sup>



from Clark et al.<sup>90</sup>

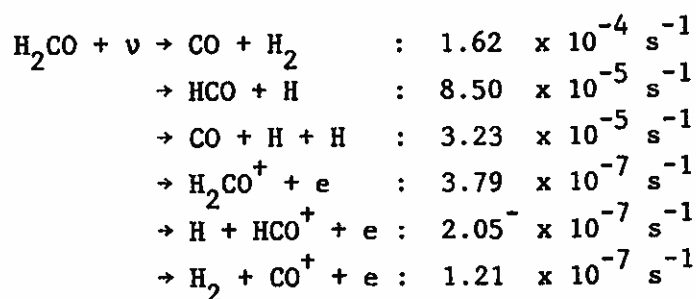


The ionization threshold at  $\lambda = 1141.6 \text{ \AA}$  and the dissociative ionization thresholds



were determined by Guyon et al.<sup>92</sup>

Rate coefficients:



Baurer and Bortner<sup>10</sup> quote  $1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for the first dissociation branch and  $1.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for the second branch. They don't mention the third branch. Their total dissociation rate coefficient ( $2.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is in good agreement with the sum of our three dissociation rates ( $2.79 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ).

Our total rate coefficient ( $2.80 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) falls between the two values obtained by Jackson<sup>2,3</sup> ( $5.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $1.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ).

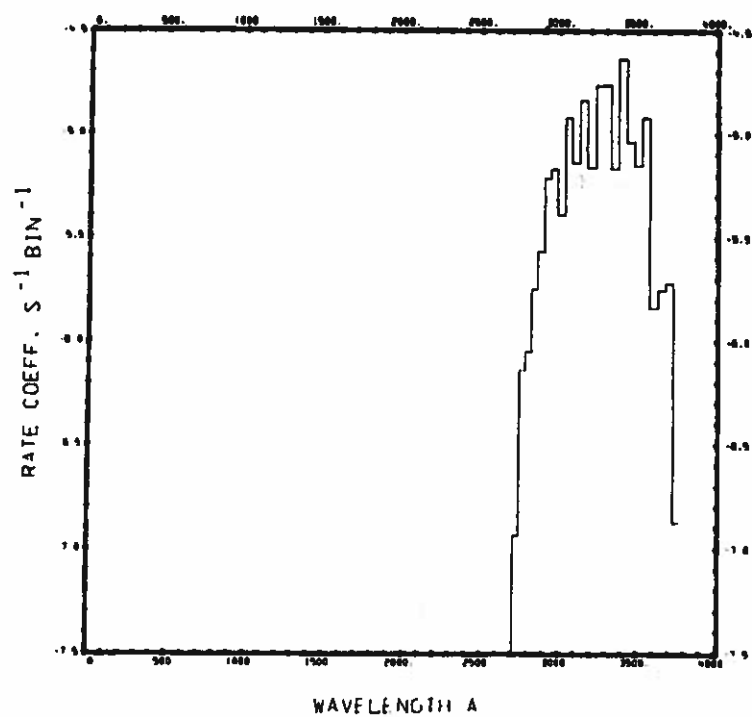


Fig. 59.  
 $\text{H}_2\text{CO} + \nu \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{H}_2$ .

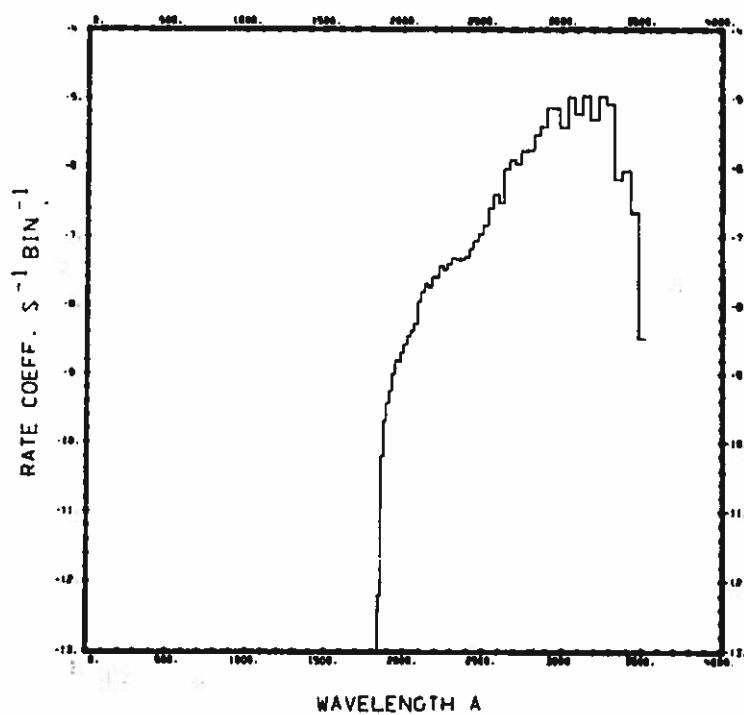


Fig. 60.  
 $\text{H}_2\text{CO} + \nu \rightarrow \text{HCO} + \text{H}$ .

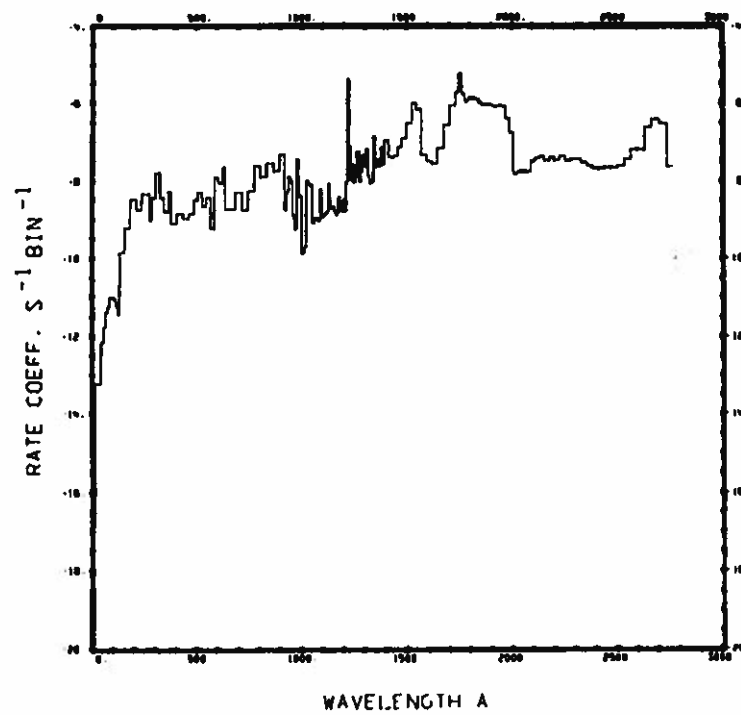


Fig. 61.  
 $\text{H}_2\text{CO} + \nu \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{H} + \text{H}.$

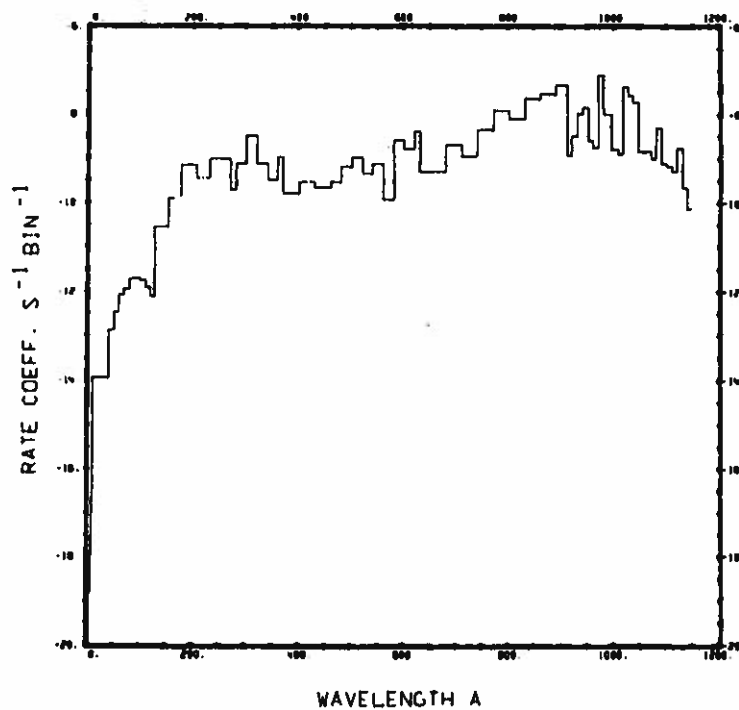


Fig. 62.  
 $\text{H}_2\text{CO} + \nu \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{CO}^+ + \text{e}.$

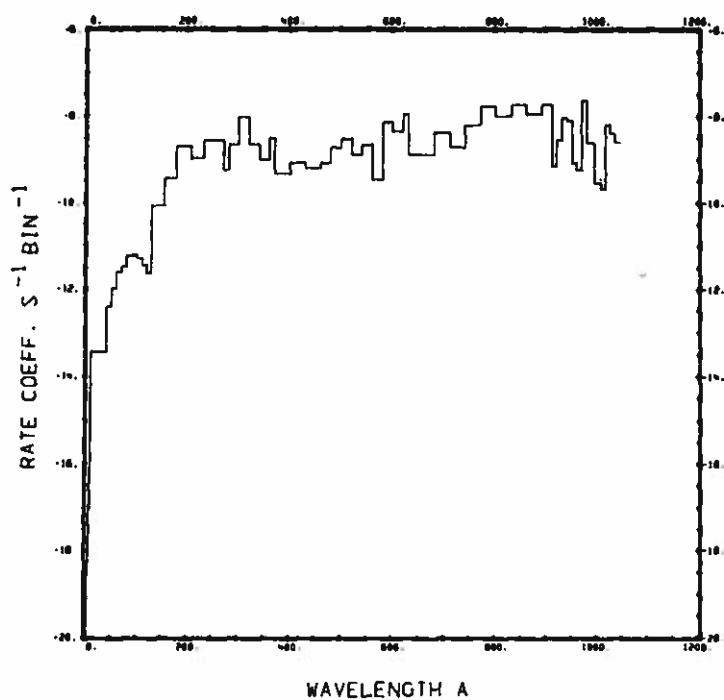


Fig. 63.  
 $\text{H}_2\text{CO} + \nu \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{HCO}^+ + \text{e}.$

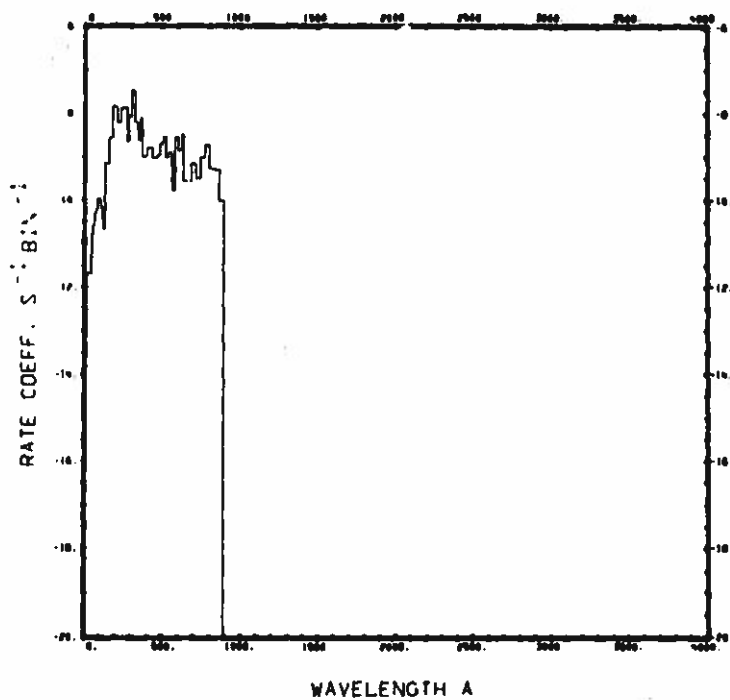


Fig. 64.  
 $\text{H}_2\text{CO} + \nu \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{CO}^+ + \text{e}.$

## Methane, CH<sub>4</sub>

### Cross section:

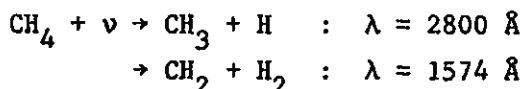
From  $\lambda = 23.6 \text{ \AA}$  to  $250 \text{ \AA}$  the data of Lukirskii et al.<sup>94</sup> were used. The cross section measured by Ditchburn<sup>95</sup> was used in the range from  $278 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1513 \text{ \AA}$ . These data were supplemented by those of Sun and Weissler<sup>76</sup> from  $951.9 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1306 \text{ \AA}$ . The cross section at  $1850 \text{ \AA}$  was measured by Thompson et al.<sup>79</sup>

### Branching ratios:

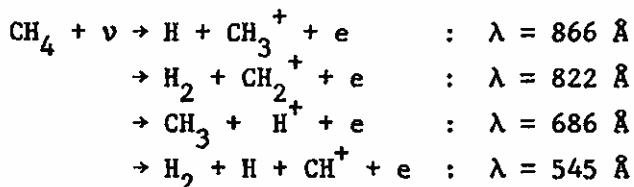
The branching ratio for the formation of  $\text{CH} + \text{H}_2 + \text{H}$  is from Gorden and Ausloos.<sup>96</sup> Ditchburn<sup>95</sup> and Sun and Weissler<sup>76</sup> supplied the data for dissociation to  $\text{CH}_3 + \text{H}$  and  $\text{CH}_2 + \text{H}_2$ . Data from Gorden and Ausloos<sup>96</sup> and Stief et al.<sup>91</sup> were also used for the branching ratio to form  $\text{CH}_2 + \text{H}_2$ . All branching ratios for ionization and dissociative ionization were taken from Kronebusch and Berkowitz.<sup>42</sup>

### Thresholds:

The threshold wavelengths for dissociation



are given by Ditchburn,<sup>95</sup> while the estimated threshold  $\lambda = 1360 \text{ \AA}$ , to form  $\text{CH} + \text{H}_2 + \text{H}$ , comes from Gorden and Ausloos.<sup>96</sup> The simple ionization threshold is given by Ditchburn<sup>95</sup> to be  $945 \text{ \AA}$ . Approximate dissociative ionization thresholds are given by Kronebusch and Berkowitz<sup>42</sup>



Rate coefficients:

$\text{CH}_4 + \nu \rightarrow \text{CH}_3 + \text{H}$	:	$1.01 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$
$\rightarrow \text{CH}_2 + \text{H}_2$	:	$5.61 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$
$\rightarrow \text{CH} + \text{H}_2 + \text{H}$	:	$5.00 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$
$\rightarrow \text{CH}_4^+ + e$	:	$3.60 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$
$\rightarrow \text{H} + \text{CH}_3^+ + e$	:	$1.98 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$
$\rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{CH}_2^+ + e$	:	$2.09 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$
$\rightarrow \text{CH}_3 + \text{H}^+ + e$	:	$9.09 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s}^{-1}$
$\rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{H} + \text{CH}^+ + e$	:	$4.16 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Our rate coefficient for all ionizing processes ( $5.92 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is somewhat smaller than the ionization rate coefficient quoted by Siscoe and Mukherjee<sup>4</sup> ( $8.74 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). Our total rate coefficient ( $7.71 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is also somewhat smaller than the rate coefficients reported by Potter and del Duca<sup>1</sup> ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and by Jackson<sup>2,3</sup> ( $8.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). The dissociation rates are dominated by the hydrogen Ly  $\alpha$  flux.

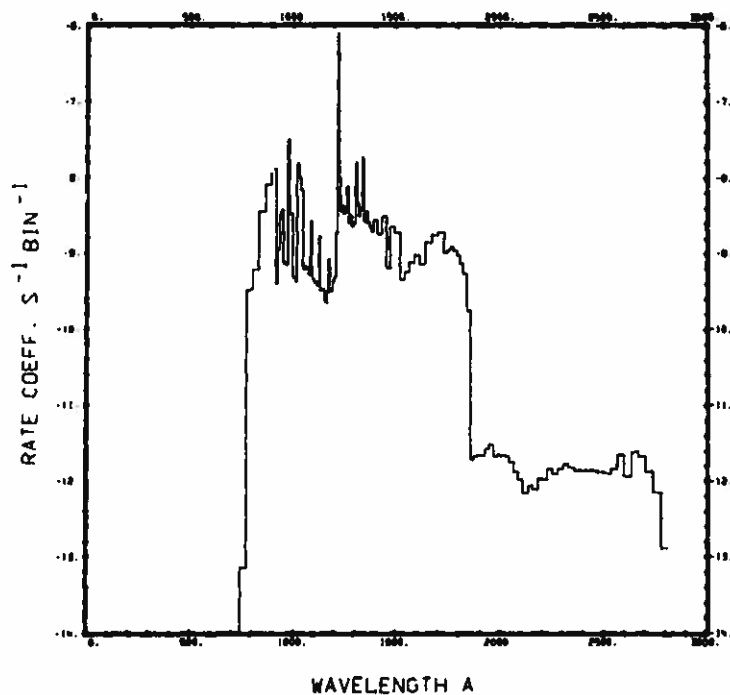


Fig. 65.  $\text{CH}_4 + \nu \rightarrow \text{CH}_3 + \text{H}$ .

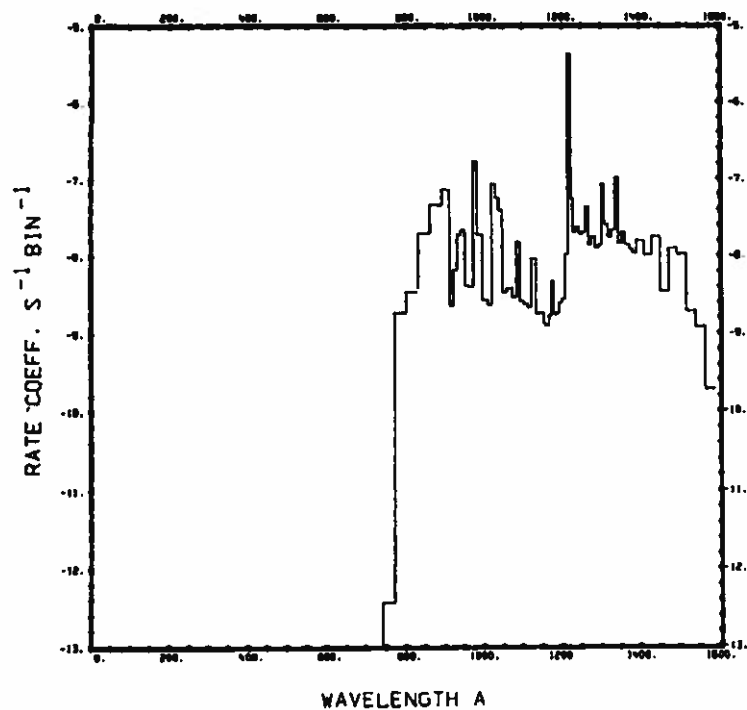


Fig. 66.  
 $\text{CH}_4 + \nu \rightarrow \text{CH}_2 + \text{H}_2.$

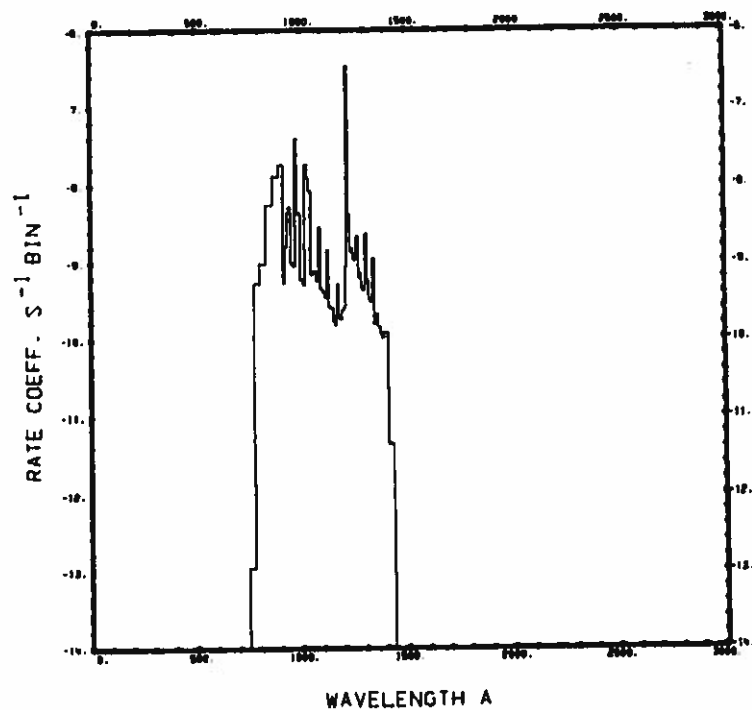


Fig. 67.  
 $\text{CH}_4 + \nu \rightarrow \text{CH} + \text{H}_2 + \text{H}.$

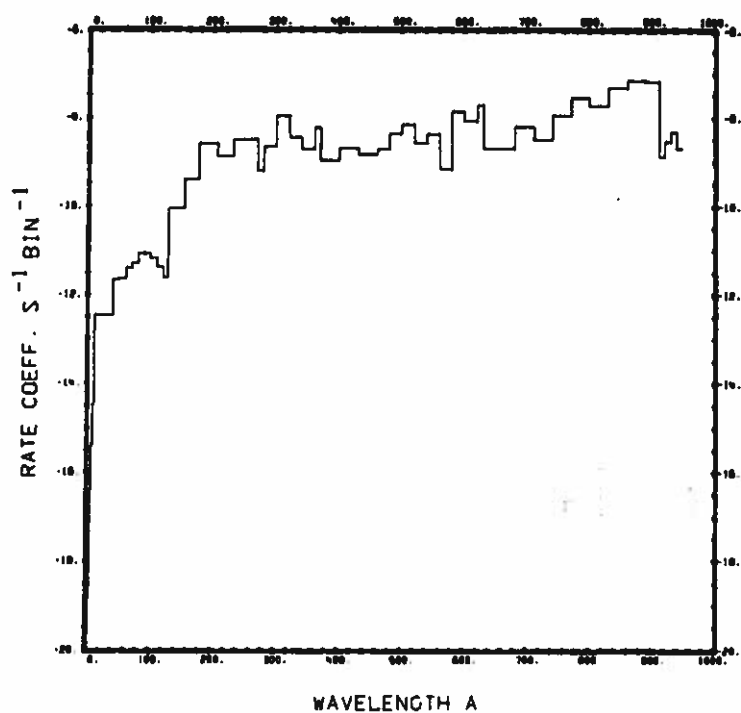


Fig. 68.  
 $\text{CH}_4 + \nu \rightarrow \text{CH}_4^+ + e.$

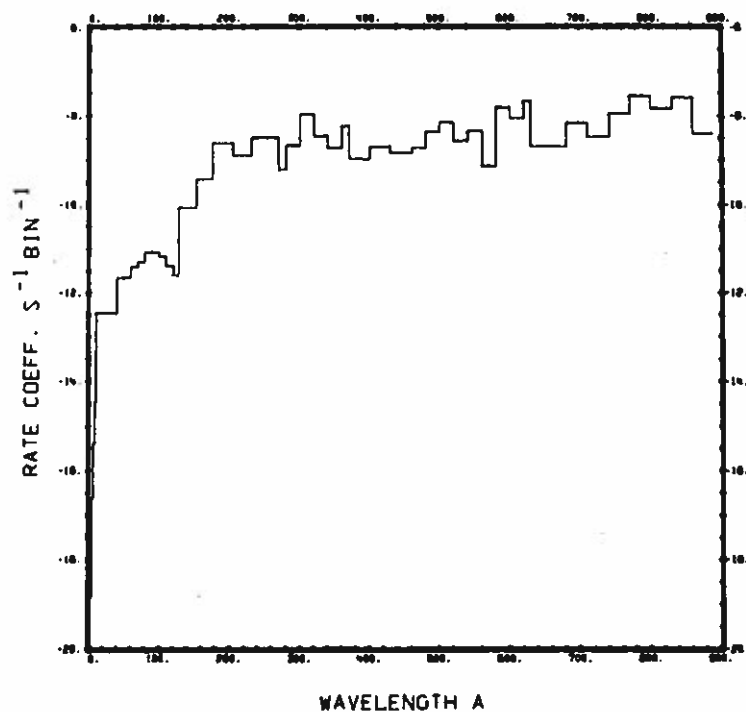


Fig. 69.  
 $\text{CH}_4 + \nu \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{CH}_3^+ + e.$



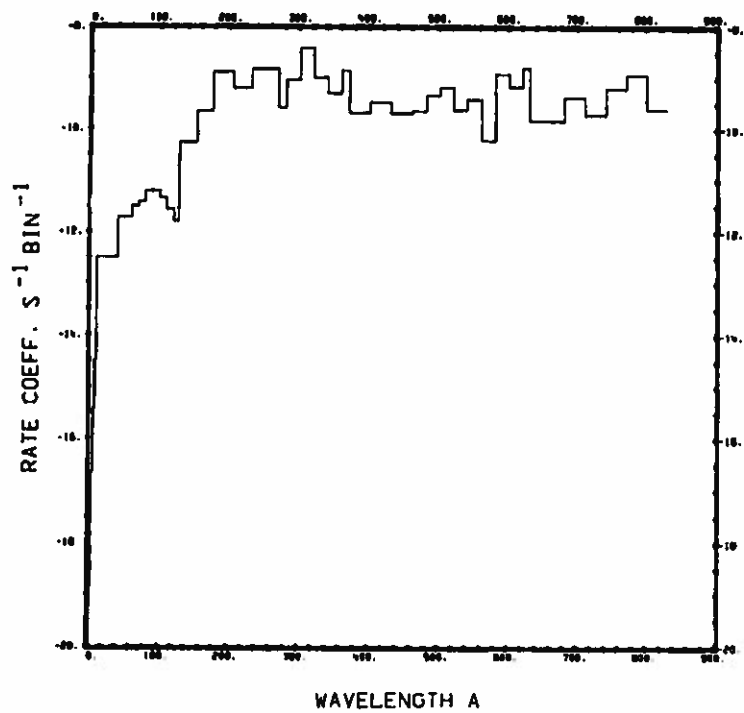


Fig. 70.  
 $\text{CH}_4 + \nu \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{CH}_2^+ + \text{e}$ .

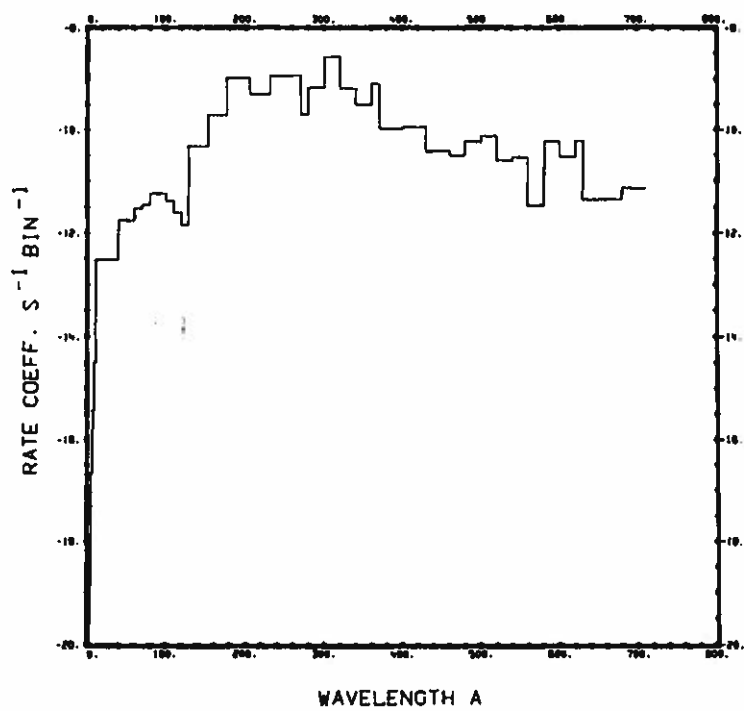


Fig. 71.  
 $\text{CH}_4 + \nu \rightarrow \text{CH}_3 + \text{H}^+ + \text{e}$ .

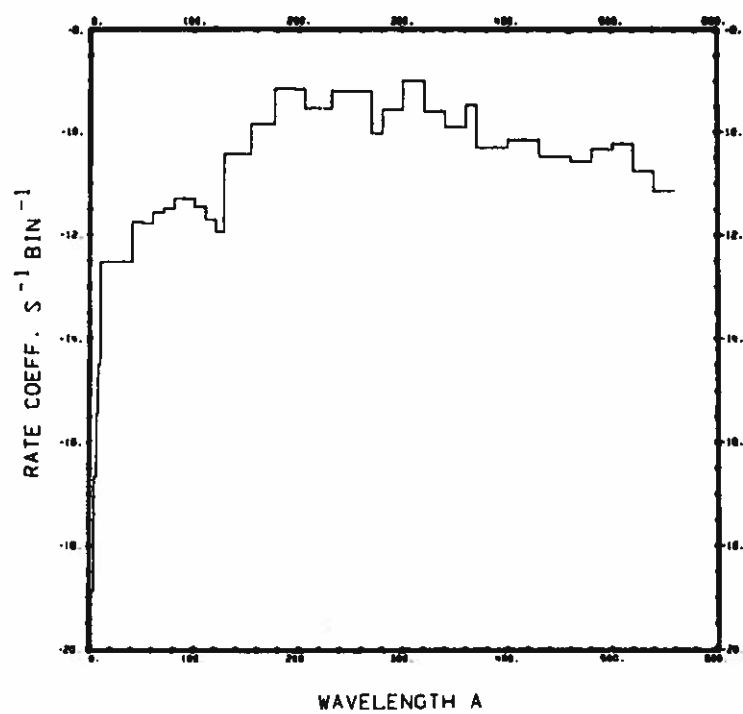
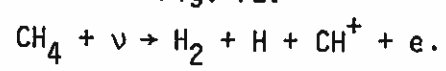


Fig. 72.



## Formic Acid, HCOOH

### Cross section:

The cross section from  $\lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$  to  $600 \text{ \AA}$  is synthesized from the cross sections of the atomic constituents. Between  $600 \text{ \AA}$  and  $1100 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section was estimated using the known cross section of  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}$  as a guide. From  $1100 \text{ \AA}$  to  $2500 \text{ \AA}$  the data from Barnes and Simpson<sup>97</sup> were used.

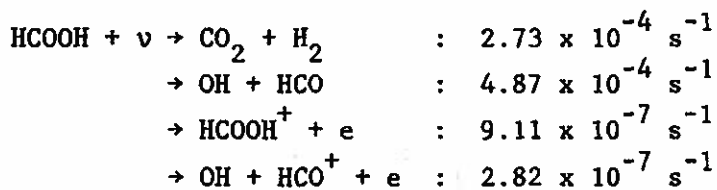
### Branching ratios:

The branching ratio for dissociation into  $\text{HCO} + \text{OH}$  and  $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2$  over a limited wavelength interval has been reported by Gorden and Ausloos.<sup>98</sup> All other branching ratios have been scaled to the formaldehyde data.

### Thresholds:

The cross section data of Barnes and Simpson<sup>97</sup> decreases rapidly at  $2500 \text{ \AA}$ . Although this is not the dissociation limit, we assumed the threshold for both pure dissociation processes to be at  $\lambda = 2500 \text{ \AA}$ . The ionization threshold was measured by Bell et al.<sup>99</sup> to be  $\lambda = 1094.4 \text{ \AA}$ . Photodissociative ionization has a threshold at  $902 \text{ \AA}$  as listed by Field and Franklin.<sup>100</sup>

### Rate coefficients:



Our total rate coefficient ( $7.62 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is larger than the value obtained by Jackson<sup>2,3</sup> ( $1.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). Because the dissociation threshold is not well known and the branching is incomplete, the rate coefficients are only approximate.

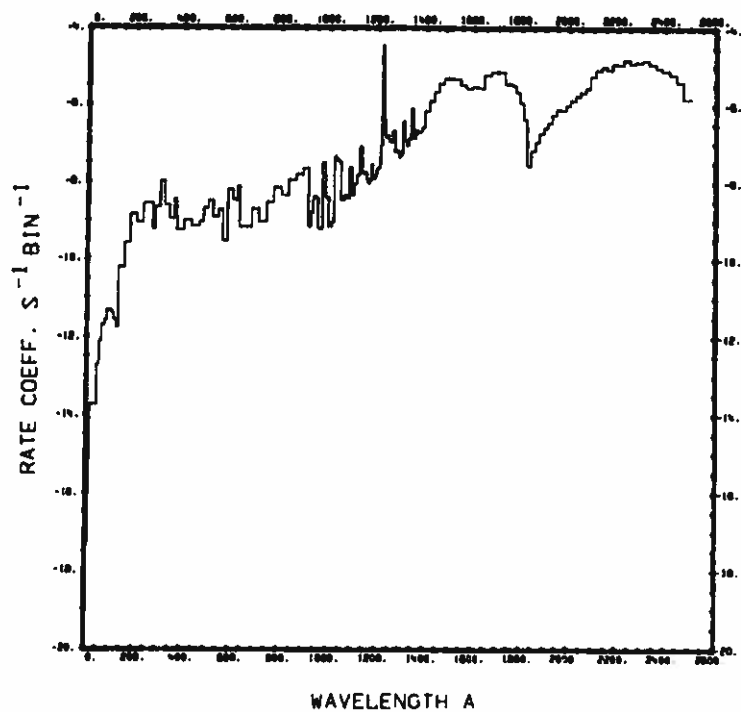


Fig. 73.  
 $\text{HCOOH} + \nu \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2.$

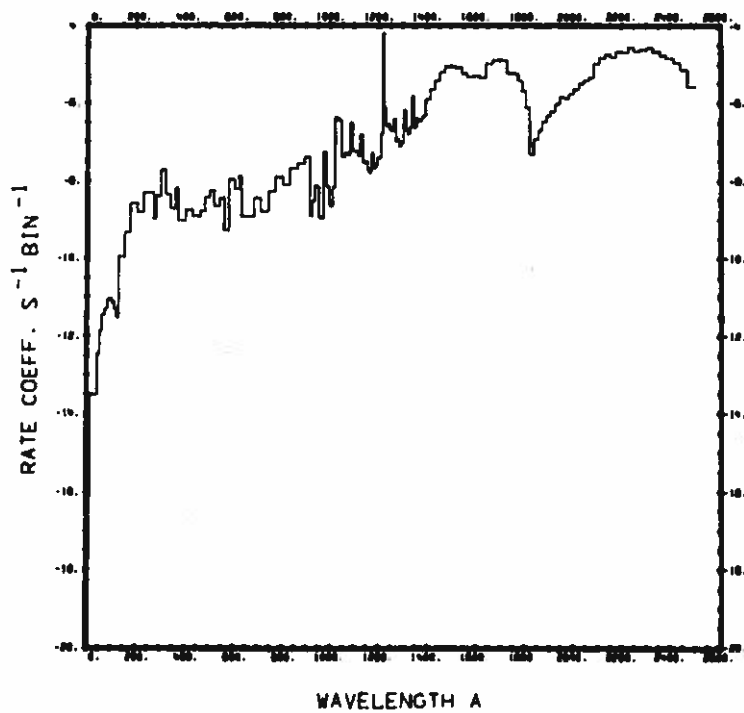


Fig. 74.  
 $\text{HCOOH} + \nu \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{HCO}.$

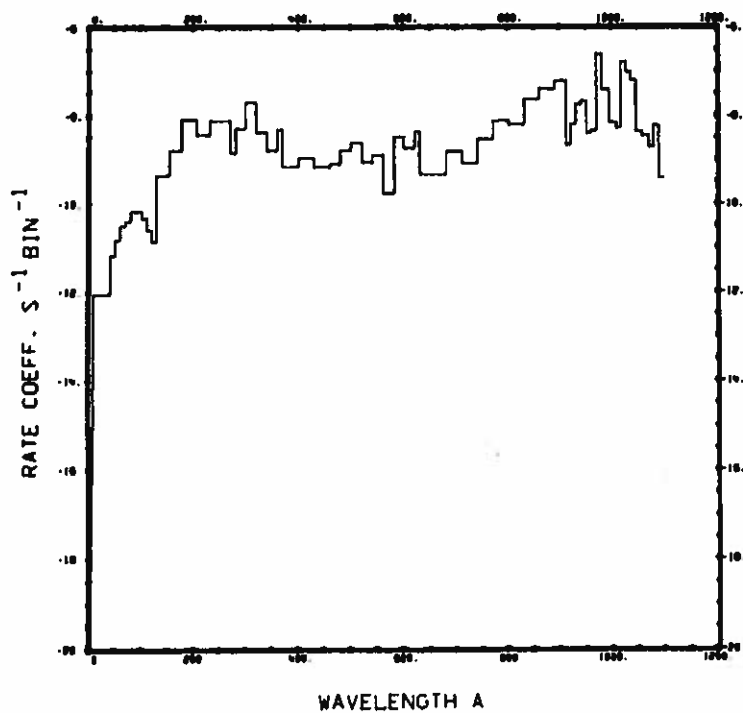


Fig. 75.  
 $\text{HCOOH} + \nu \rightarrow \text{HCOOH}^+ + e.$

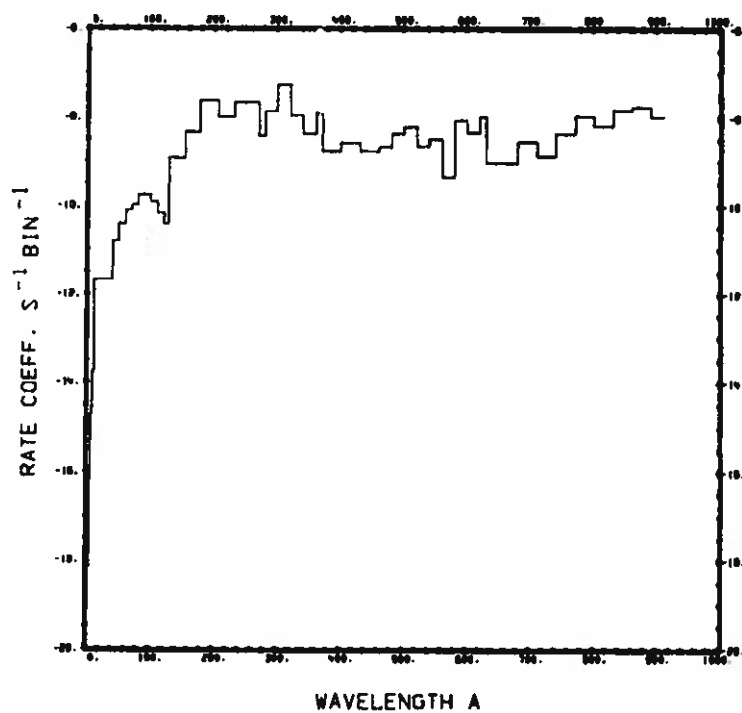


Fig. 76.  
 $\text{HCOOH} + \nu \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{HCO}^+ + e.$

### Cyanoacetylene, HC<sub>3</sub>N

#### Cross section:

In the range  $\lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$  to  $800 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section is synthesized from the cross sections of the atomic constituents. From  $\lambda = 1058 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1632 \text{ \AA}$  data is taken from Connors et al.<sup>101</sup>

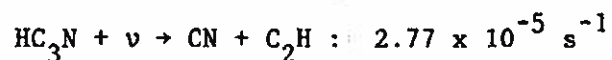
#### Branching ratios:

No branching ratios are available. It was assumed that only dissociation into CN + C<sub>2</sub>H takes place.

#### Thresholds:

No data for the dissociation threshold was found; we assumed it to be at  $\lambda = 1632 \text{ \AA}$ .

#### Rate coefficients:



This is only a very approximate value. Our value is larger than the one found by Potter and del Duca<sup>1</sup> ( $1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ), but smaller than that of Jackson<sup>2,3</sup> ( $7.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ).

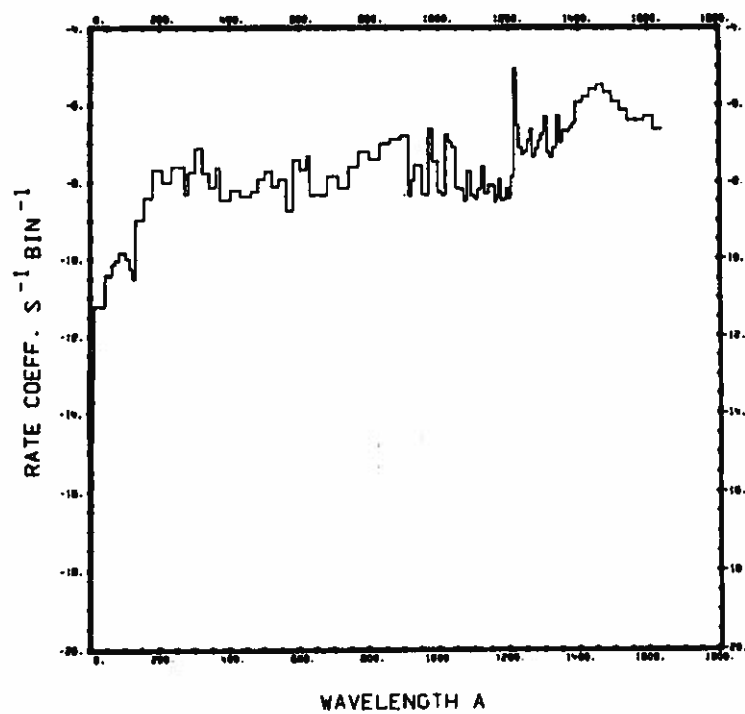
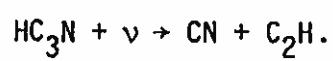


Fig. 77.



## Ethylene, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>

### Cross section:

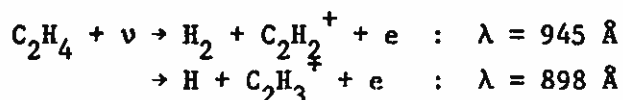
Between  $\lambda = 180 \text{ \AA}$  and  $700 \text{ \AA}$  the measured cross section comes from Lee et al.<sup>55</sup> From  $\lambda = 500 \text{ \AA}$  to  $\lambda = 1200 \text{ \AA}$  the data is from Schoen<sup>84</sup> and in the range  $\lambda = 1065 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1973 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section reported by Zelikoff and Watanabe<sup>102</sup> was used.

### Branching ratios:

McNesby and Okabe<sup>58</sup> state that above  $\lambda = 1236 \text{ \AA}$  only dissociation leading to C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub> occurs. Strobel<sup>103</sup> reports that dissociation leading to C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> + H + H occurs with a probability of 65% at the Ly  $\alpha$  line. We have assumed that below  $1226 \text{ \AA}$  C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> + H + H makes up 65% of total dissociation and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub> makes up 35%. Above  $1226 \text{ \AA}$  C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub> is the only branch. The branching ratios for ionization and dissociative ionization are from Schoen.<sup>84</sup> The branching ratio for dissociation was estimated.

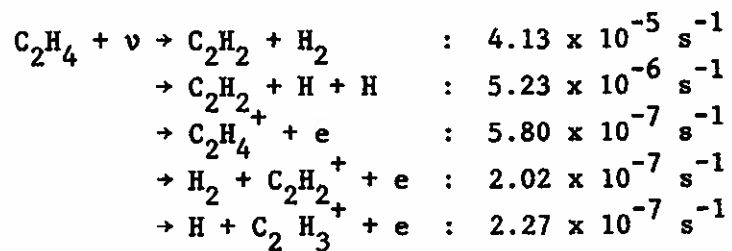
### Thresholds:

Wilkinson and Mulliken<sup>104</sup> suggest that the threshold for the dissociation continuum is at  $\lambda = 1710 \text{ \AA}$  and that similar to the oxygen Schumann-Runge system predissociation bands on the long wavelength side converge to this limit. We have therefore assumed an effective threshold at  $\lambda = 1973 \text{ \AA}$  (the 0,0 band is at  $\lambda = 2026 \text{ \AA}$ ) for dissociation into C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub> and at  $\lambda = 1226 \text{ \AA}$  for dissociation into C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> + H + H. The ionization threshold as determined by Zelikoff and Watanabe<sup>102</sup> is at  $\lambda = 1180 \text{ \AA}$ . Thresholds for photodissociative ionization have been determined by Botter et al.<sup>105</sup>





Rate coefficients:



Our total rate coefficient ( $4.76 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is smaller than the value obtained by Potter and del Duca<sup>1</sup> ( $6.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ); but considering the uncertainties about the threshold, this is good agreement.

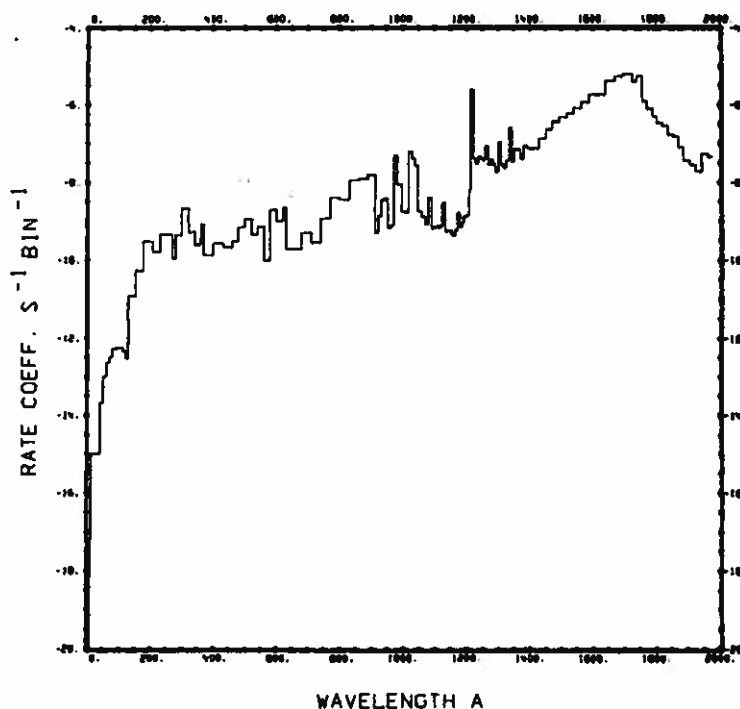


Fig. 78.  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \nu \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_2 + \text{H}_2$ .

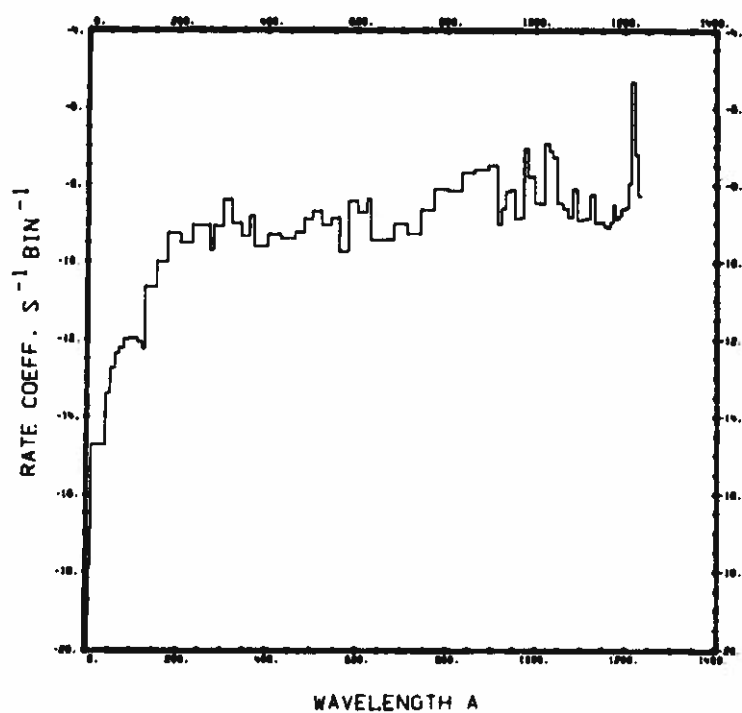


Fig. 79.  
 $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \nu \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_2 + \text{H} + \text{H}.$

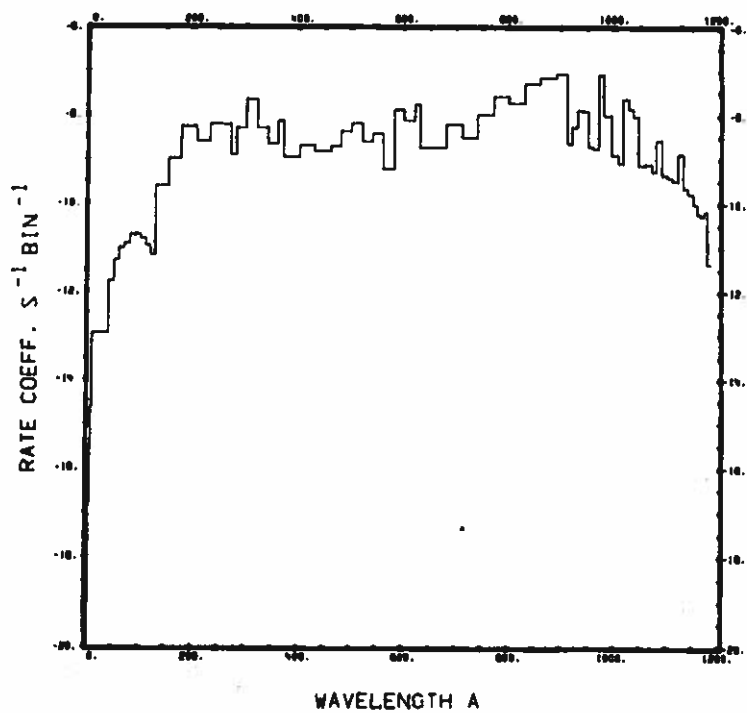


Fig. 80.  
 $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \nu \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4^+ + \text{e}.$

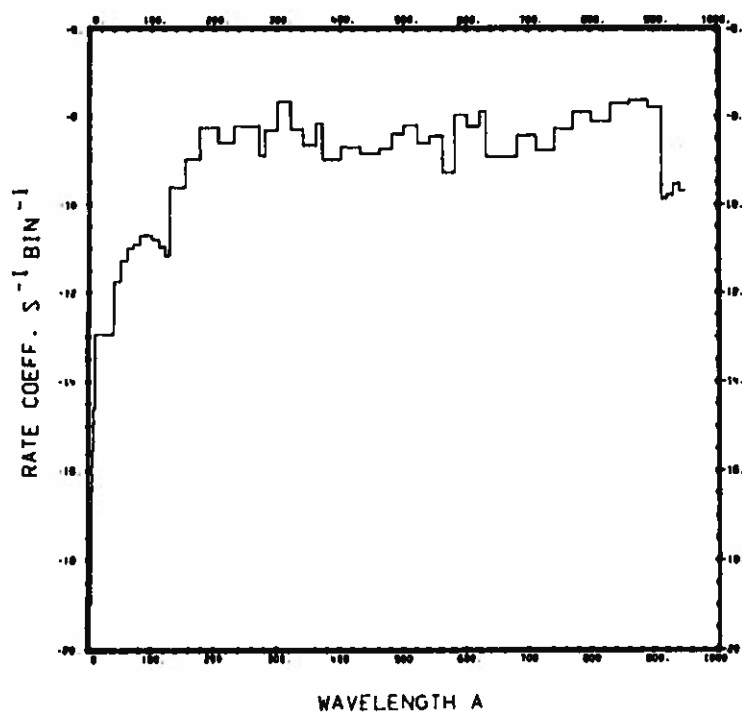


Fig. 81.  
 $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \nu \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2^+ + \text{e}^-$

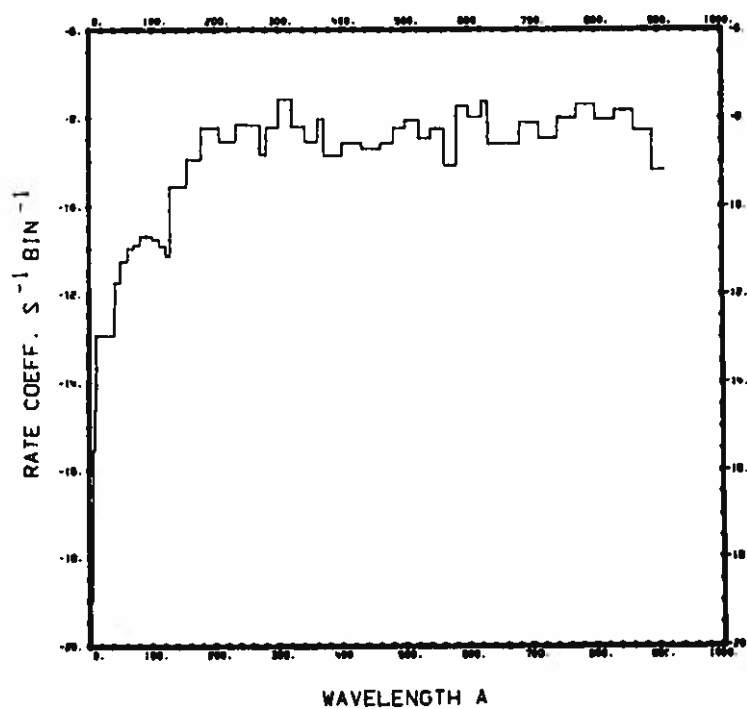


Fig. 82.  
 $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \nu \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{C}_2\text{H}_3^+ + \text{e}^-$

## Methanol, CH<sub>3</sub>OH

### Cross section:

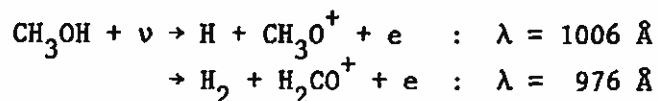
From  $\lambda = 1 \text{ \AA}$  to  $800 \text{ \AA}$  the cross section is synthesized from its atomic constituents. Between  $800 \text{ \AA}$  and  $1200 \text{ \AA}$  data have been scaled from values of water. In the range from  $\lambda = 1200 \text{ \AA}$  to  $2053 \text{ \AA}$  the data of Salahub and Sandorfy<sup>106</sup> are used.

### Branching ratios:

The data of Porter and Noyes<sup>107</sup> indicate that the dissociation branch to  $\text{OH} + \text{CH}_3$  contributes less than 5% of all photoprocesses. A 5% branching ratio was assumed for this process. All other branching ratios are guessed, the guesses are based on water data.

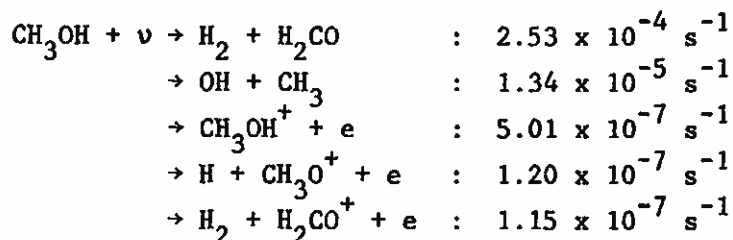
### Thresholds:

Thresholds for dissociation are not available, but are probably at longer wavelengths than  $2053 \text{ \AA}$ , which is the value we assumed. The threshold for ionization  $\lambda = 1143 \text{ \AA}$  is given by Salahub and Sandorfy;<sup>106</sup> while the threshold wavelengths for dissociative ionizations



are obtained from Field and Franklin.<sup>100</sup>

### Rate coefficients:



Our total rate coefficient ( $2.67 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is larger than the value given by Jackson<sup>2,3</sup> ( $4.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). The dissociation rates are dominated by Ly  $\alpha$ .

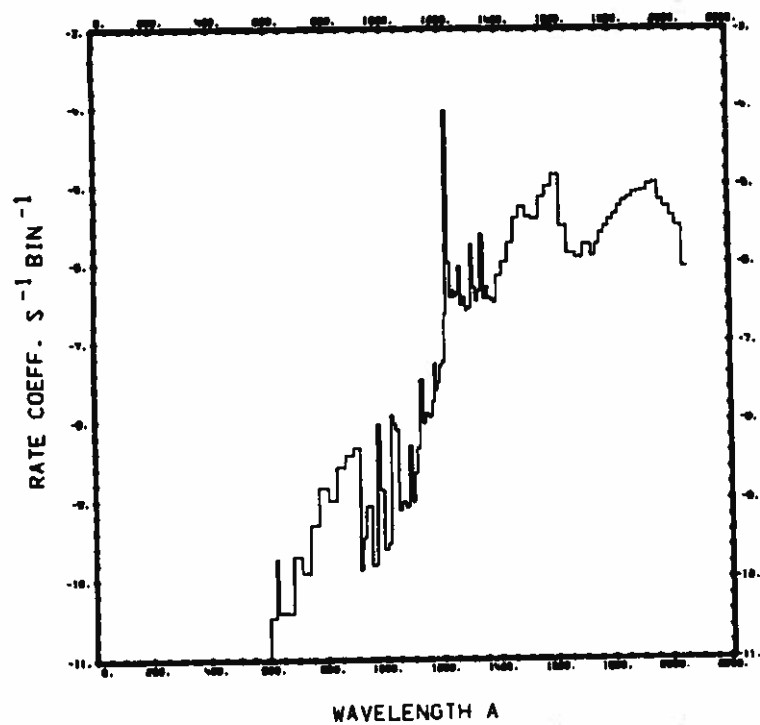


Fig. 83.  
 $\text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \nu \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{CO}.$

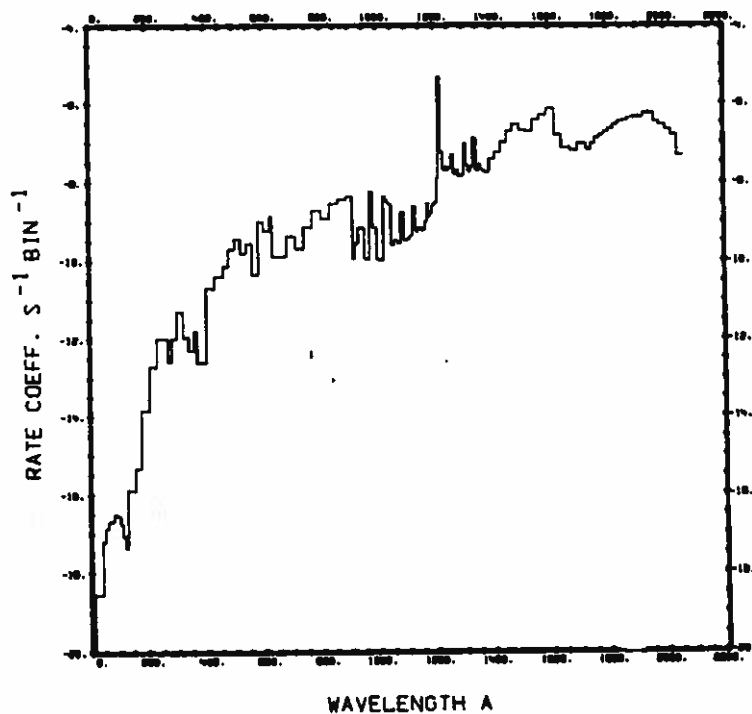


Fig. 84.  
 $\text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \nu \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{CH}_3.$

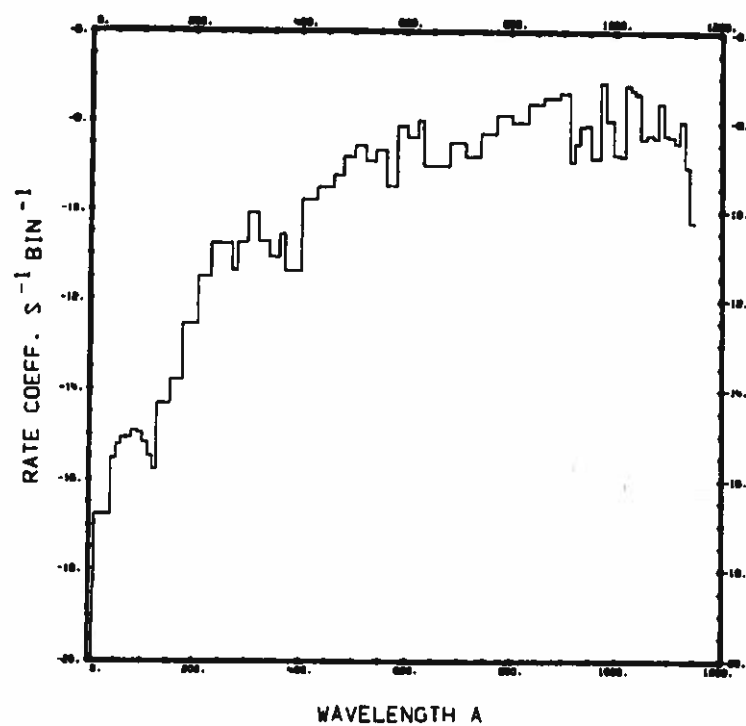


Fig. 85.  
 $\text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \nu \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{OH}^+ + e_1$ .

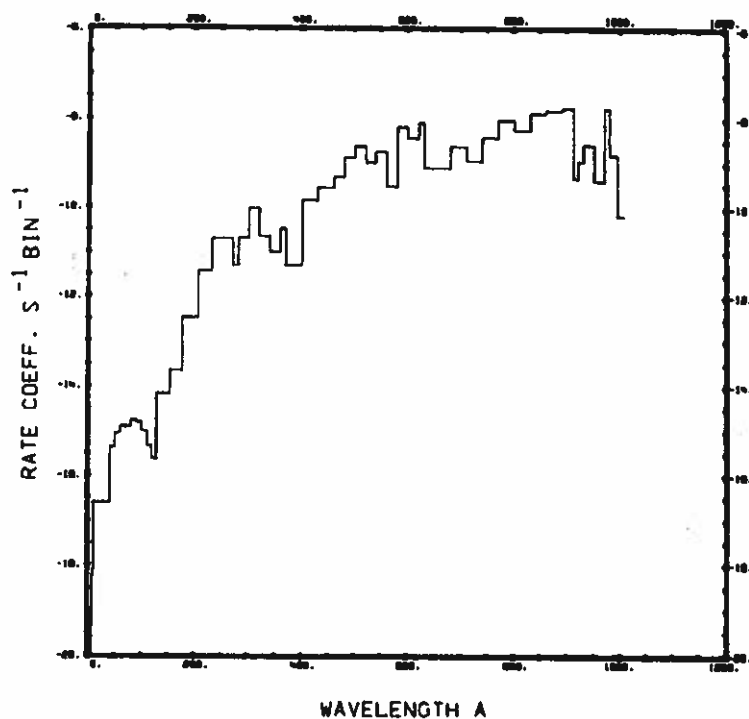


Fig. 86.  
 $\text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \nu \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{CH}_3\text{O}^+ + e$ .

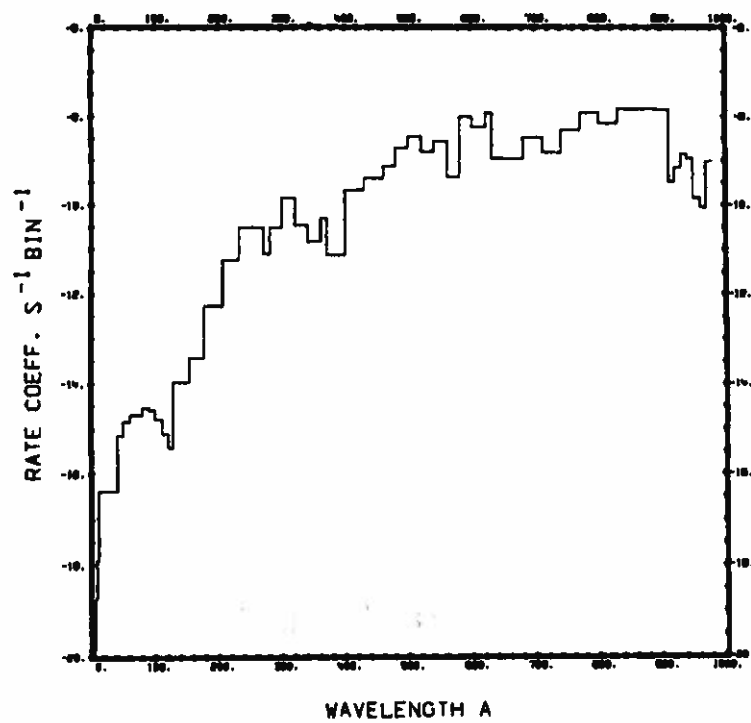
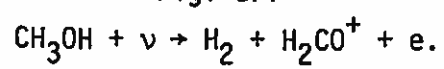


Fig. 87.



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